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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 761
OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

150 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish school attendance boundaries for schools and to require the attendance of students to attend the school within each assigned boundary area.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board is the governing body of the school district. As such, the school board has responsibility for the care, management, and control over public schools in the school district.
- B. It is the policy of the school board to effectively and efficiently use building space while maximizing instructional opportunities and learning, ensuring equitable program space, and maintaining appropriate operational costs.
- C. Exceptions to the school attendance boundaries may be approved by the superintendent or his/her designee only if extenuating circumstances exist and if it is deemed in the best interest of the student and district. Criteria for such exceptions will be established by the superintendent and reviewed by the school board. Exceptions may include but are not limited to: student mental and physical health, educational program, enrollment capacity limits, and judgment of school administration.
- D. It is the intent of the school board to review attendance boundaries every five years or sooner if enrollment shifts do not match the capacity of the schools. The superintendent will prepare necessary background information to assist the school board in reviewing the current school attendance boundaries.

III. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

Elementary – All elementary students, grades kindergarten through five, will attend the designated school as defined by their residence address unless assigned to an alternative program or receiving an exception as noted in the policy.

Lincoln Elementary
Washington Elementary

McKinley Elementary
Wilson Elementary

Designated school attendance boundary lines are identified on [the interactive map](#) on the school website at www.isd761.org.

Middle Level – All middle level students, grade six through eight, will attend the Owatonna Middle School.

Secondary Students – All enrolled secondary students, grade nine through twelve, will attend the Owatonna Senior High School unless the student elects an alternative program or receives an exception as noted in the policy.