

## **Students**

### **Attendance Areas**

Attendance areas for the middle schools will be determined by the Amity Regional School District No. 5 (ARSD) Board of Education and may be adjusted from time to time to balance school populations. As a normal practice, all middle school students, except those assigned to particular classes by a Planning and Placement Team, shall attend the middle school designated for the geographic area covering their home address.

The Superintendent shall recommend changes to ARSD middle school attendance zones with consideration of the following factors:

- Safety of students
- Student educational needs
- Education programs in each school
- Optimum use of school facilities
- Ages of students served
- Racial/ethnic balance

### **Consideration for Middle School Reassignment**

In extraordinary situations, the parent/guardian of a middle school student may request that the Superintendent allow their student to attend a middle school other than the one designated by the Board of Education for their home address under the following guidelines:

The request must be submitted in writing and specify the reason for the request.

The reassignment, if approved, neither displaces a student normally assigned to the school nor increases class size beyond acceptable limits.

The parent/guardian of the reassigned student must provide for the student's transportation to and from school.

The reassignment is for one year only. Parents/guardians who wish for their student to remain in the reassigned school for more than one year must annually reapply.

When considering whether to allow the reassignment of a student, the Superintendent shall consider what is in the best interest of the child.

Certified employees of the District who reside in Bethany, Orange, or Woodbridge will be allowed to have their children attend the middle school in which they work, should they so choose. In such situations, the employee will be responsible for transporting their children to and from the school.

The Superintendent has the final authority over student placement.

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(cf. 5118.1 – Homeless Students)

<u>Legal Reference:</u>	Connecticut General Statutes:
	10-55 Students to attend regional school.
	10-220 Duties of boards of education.
	10-226a Documentation of pupils and teachers of racial minorities and pupils eligible for free or reduced price lunches.
	10-226b Existence of racial imbalance.
	10-226c Plan to correct imbalance.
	10-226d Approval of plan by state board.