

*VARIANCE POLICY*

It shall be the policy of the Lyon County School District that students residing within Lyon County will attend Lyon County Schools

However, the Board of Trustees recognizes that an undue hardship or very unique circumstance may cause a parent/guardian to request that a child be allowed to attend school in another district or in another attendance area within the District. In all cases the parent/guardian must submit to the school principal, and in certain cases District officials, a written explanation for the request on the approved District variance form. The school principal and District officials shall determine the validity of the request. School principals will have the authority to approve/disapprove general education student variance requests between schools within the District. District officials have the authority to approve/disapprove all variance requests, but must approve/disapprove special education student and out of district student variance requests. There must also be agreement between districts or schools within the District to allow for the variance.

A student who resides on an Indian reservation located in two or more counties shall be allowed to attend the school nearest the student's residence, without regard to the school district in which the student's residence is located pursuant to NRS 392.015. These students must complete the variance request as a means of "application".

A variance shall only be granted when appropriate space is available in a school and shall be granted one year at a time. A principal may revoke a variance at any time as a result of discipline or attendance problems, classroom overcrowding or other hardship on the school, with prior approval from the Superintendent or designee. The parent must accept full responsibility for providing transportation for the child on a variance.

Reference: NRS 392.040 and NRS 392.015

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*Variance Policy - ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES*

1. Student variance requests will be accepted and date stamped beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding school year. Students must re-apply for variances each year.
2. Requests for in-district variances and students requesting to enter LCSD must be pre-approved from the exiting principal, incoming principal and the Superintendent or designee beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding school year.
3. Requests for variances to leave LCSD must be pre-approved from the exiting principal, Superintendent or designee and district officials where the student is requesting to enter.
4. For specialized programs (Special Education, ESL, Gifted and Talented, etc.), variances will be approved based on space available and staffing, and must be approved by the Director of Special Services.
5. District employee's student(s) will be granted variance to the school at which they work, under the conditions of the variance policy.
6. Priority will be given to in-district student variance requests over out-of-district student variance requests.
7. A student's official residence will be that of his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). A child may not claim residency by living with any relative other than a parent/guardian or with any other person, unless such relative or other person has obtained guardianship as provided by the provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
8. Families approved for a variance are responsible for providing their student's transportation to and from school.
9. High school athletic eligibility is not granted with an approved variance request. Applications for athletic eligibility must be submitted to and approved by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) before the student may participate in sanctioned sports.