

Students

School Attendance Areas

Unsafe School Choice Option

In compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act, the Board of Education requires that students attending any district Public School that has been identified as persistently dangerous by the State Department of Education, or students who become victims of a violent criminal offense while in or on grounds of a public school that they attend, be allowed to attend a safe public school, within the District.

For any District school that has been identified as persistently dangerous, the Superintendent or his/her designee will:

1. notify parents of all students attending that school within 10 school days of the date that the State Department of Education has identified that school as persistently dangerous;
2. within 10 days offer students the opportunity to transfer to a safe public school; within the District; and
3. for those students who accept the offer, complete the transfer within 30 days.

Schools that have been identified as persistently dangerous will develop a corrective action plan within 20 school days from the date that the school was notified and implement the plan immediately.

For any student who has been a victim of a violent criminal offense while in or on the grounds of the school that the student attends, the Superintendent or his/her designee will provide an opportunity for that student to transfer to a safe school within the District within ten days. To the extent possible, the student will be allowed to transfer to a school that is making adequate yearly progress and has not been identified as being in need of school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring. The Superintendent or his/her designee will take into account the needs and preferences of the effected students and parents.

If no opportunity exists within the District for a student eligible for this “unsafe school choice option” to attend the District will seek alternatives for the affected student(s) in a neighboring district, charter school or magnet school. Such alternative shall take into account the needs and preferences of the affected student(s) and parent(s).

(cf. 5117.4 - Interdistrict Choice Students)

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Legal Reference: No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, Title IX, Section 9532

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