

Descriptor Term: ASSIGNMENT TO SCHOOLS

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Rescinds: JBCCA

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- I. When any child applies or presents himself/herself for enrollment in or admission to the schools of the Gulfport School District, the Board of Trustees will assign all students to the schools they will attend based on attendance zones approved by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and outlined in policy JBCCA (Resident Student). No child will be entitled to attend any school or attendance center except that to which he/she has been assigned by the Board; however, the Superintendent may recommend to the Board approval of transfers for valid reasons, including hardship cases. The Superintendent may, in cases he/she deems appropriate, permit a child to attend a school outside his/her residence zone temporarily until a permanent assignment is made by the Board.
- II. In making transfer assignments of children to schools or attendance centers outside the attendance zone of their residence, the Board will take into consideration the educational needs and welfare of the child involved, the welfare and best interest of all the students attending the school or schools involved, space at the school or schools involved desegregation enrollment ratios, and all other factors which the Board may consider pertinent, relevant or material in their effect on the welfare and best interest of the District and the particular school or schools involved. All such assignments will be on an individual basis as to the particular child involved and, in making such assignment, the Board will not be limited or circumscribed by the boundaries of any attendance areas that may have been established by the Board.
- III. Children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are employees of the District, may, at the Superintendent's discretion and with Board approval, enroll and attend the school or schools of the Superintendent's choice, regardless of the residence of the child, in District or out-of-District, except that the exercise of such privileges will not be allowed to abrogate, annul, or in any other way change desegregation enrollment ratios nor cause overcrowding in a classroom. Enrollment of the child is determined by continued employment of parent/guardian in the District.

Legal Reference: Mississippi Code 1972, §37-15-13, §37-15-15, §37-15-29