

Descriptor Term: RESIDENT STUDENT (Including Transfers to Out-of-Residence Zone)

Descriptor Code: JBCA

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I. Legal Requirements

The student must maintain residence with the parent or appointed legal guardian.

II. Assignment to Schools

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Trustees will assign all students to the schools they will attend based on a plan of attendance zones approved by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

A. City Limits Definition

City limits, corporate limits, corporate lines or corporate boundary lines: These refer to these limits and lines of the City of Gulfport as they existed immediately prior to the annexation that occurred on or about December 23, 1993.

B. Elementary School Zones - Grades K-5

1. Anniston Elementary School

Begin at the intersection of Highway 90 and Teagarden Road and proceed north on Teagarden to the L & N Railroad, then east along the railroad. Turn north on a line east of Silver Ridge Avenue to Church Street, then to Pass Road. Proceed east on Pass Road to Cowan Road, then north to Bayou Bernard and east along the bayou to the eastern city limits.

2. Bayou View Elementary School

Proceed from the city limits southwest of the airport east to Jody Nelson Drive, then north to the intersection of Searle and Glover and proceed east to north of Canal Street to Courthouse Road. Proceed south on Courthouse Road to Pass Road, then east on Pass Road to Cowan Road and north on Cowan Road to Bayou Bernard. Proceed north and west on Bayou Bernard to the western city limits and then south to the original starting point.

3. Central Elementary School

Begin at intersection of Hwy 49 and Hwy 90 and proceed north to the city limits. Turn right on 34th Street and proceed east to Jody Nelson Drive. Turn right or south on Jody Nelson to Pass Road, then west or right on Pass Road to Hewes

Avenue. At the intersection of Hewes and Pass Road go left or south on Hewes to 22nd Street - then west on 22nd Street to the intersection of 17th Avenue and 22nd Street. Proceed south on 17th to Hwy 90 - then right or west on Hwy 90 back to Hwy 49.

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4. Gaston Point Elementary School

Begin at the intersection of the corporate limits and Old Pass Road and proceed north along corporate boundary to the mid-point of the boundary of the U.S. Naval Reservation. Turn right at this point and proceed east to 22nd Street and continue to 41st Avenue. Turn right on 41st Avenue and proceed south to 15th Street. Turn right on 15th Street and proceed west to Old Pass Road and continue west to the beginning point at the intersection of the corporate limits and Old Pass Road.

5. Pass Road Elementary School

Begin at Hwy 90 and 17th Avenue and proceed north to 22nd Street. Proceed east at the intersection of 17th Avenue and 22nd Street to the intersection at Railroad Street and Hewes Avenue. Proceed north at Railroad and Hewes to Pass Road then right or east on Pass Road to Jody Nelson Drive. Go left on Jody Nelson Drive to Glover, then east on Glover at the intersection of Courthouse and Magnolia, go south on Courthouse Road to Pass Road. At the intersection go left or east to Watkins, then south to a point at Silver Ridge, then west along the railroad to Teagarden and south to Hwy 90.

6. Twenty-Eighth Street Elementary School

Begin at the mid-point on the western boundary of the U.S. Naval Reservation and proceed north along the corporate lines to the intersection of the north corporate line, then right along the corporate line to Hwy 49. Turn right on 49 and proceed south to 22nd Street. Proceed west on 22nd Street to a point where 49th Avenue (extended) would intersect, then right to the middle of the U.S. Naval Reservation, then left to the original point.

7. West Elementary School

Begin at intersection of the corporate limits and Hwy 90 and proceed north to middle of western edge of U.S. Naval Reservation. Proceed east to 22nd Street and continue east to Hwy 49, then south to intersection of Hwy 49 and Hwy 90. Turn right on Hwy 90 and proceed west to intersection of corporate limits and Hwy 90.

C. Middle School Zones - Grades 6-8

1. Bayou View Middle School

All black students living east of the dotted line* (on the District map, as

determined by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare) beginning at Hwy 90 between Bert and Evans Avenues and running north along 6th and 7th Avenues and continuing north to intersect with 37th Street extended east, then northwest to the corporate boundary line, will attend Bayou View Middle School.

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All white students living east of the solid line beginning at Hwy 90 and the .A. Center and continuing north to Pass Road then west to Hewes Avenue and north to the intersection of 37th Street extended eastward, then northwest to the corner of the corporate boundary line will attend Bayou View Middle School.

2. Gulfport Central Middle School

All black students living west of the dotted line* beginning at Hwy 90 between Bert and Evans Avenues and running north along 6th and 7th Avenues and continuing north to intersect with 37th Street extended east, then northwest to the corporate boundary line, will attend Gulfport Central Middle School.

All white students living west of the solid line beginning at Hwy 90 and V.A. Center and continuing north to Pass Road, then west to Hewes Avenue and north to the intersection of 37th Street extended eastward, then northwest to the corner of the corporate boundary line will attend Gulfport Central Middle School.

*dotted line: on the District map, as determined by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

D. Gulfport High School - Grades 9-12

All students in grades 9-12 who reside within the Gulfport city limits will attend Gulfport High School.

III. HEW Compliance

A. The basic "majority to minority" ratio of each school cannot be significantly altered by the assignment of non-resident students. In the spring of each year, the ratio of each school is established by a count of students and the identification of ethnic origins. This ratio cannot be significantly altered.

As to any student hereby authorized to transfer, a "majority to minority" choice of schools may be exercised by a parent or legal guardian on an application form to be furnished by the Board and to be available in the office of the Superintendent. The parent or legal guardian must submit a written request to the Superintendent's office for consideration by the Transfer Committee during the period commencing with May 1st and ending May 31st, both inclusive preceding the school year for which the choice is to be exercised.

B. Transfer will be based on the following conditions:

1. The student, upon being permitted to transfer, will provide his/her own transportation.
2. Space must be available in the school to which the student seeks to transfer.

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IV. Transfers to Out-of-Zone Schools

Transfer assignments and designations to out-of-zone schools are hereafter subject to the following:

- A. The Superintendent and the Board may approve transfers for valid reasons and may also approve transfers for hardship cases.
- B. Any request for the preceding changes to out-of-zone schools will be supported by a detailed statement and verification of reasons for such request. The Transfer Committee will review the request and submit a fully documented recommendation to the Superintendent to grant or deny the request. Acting as agent for the Board, the Superintendent will authorize or deny the request.
- C. All approved transfers for any student transferring within the Gulfport School District will be reflected in the minutes of the Gulfport School District board meeting. The parent or legal guardian must submit a renewed written request every school year for consideration by the Transfer Committee during the period commencing with May 1st and ending May 31st, preceding the school year for which the request is to be exercised.
- D. All of the foregoing matters will be considered and acted upon without regard to the race, color, national origin or creed of the student.

V. Application Process

- A. The request is to be initiated by the parent to the current building principal.
- B. The principal refers the parent, with proper documentation, to the Superintendent's office for referral to the Transfer Committee.
- C. At the next scheduled meeting of the Transfer Committee, the request is reviewed and the Committee either grants or denies the request. If the parent is dissatisfied with the determination of the Committee, the process continues as follows:
 1. The Transfer Committee refers the parent to the Superintendent.
 2. The Superintendent meets with the parent to hear the request and review documentation. The Superintendent either grants or denies the request. If the parent is dissatisfied with the Superintendent's response, the process continues as follows:
 - a. The Superintendent refers the parent to the Board of Trustees.
 - b. At the parent's request, the Board hears the request at the next regularly scheduled board meeting and considers the request in executive session. The Board either grants or denies the request, informs the Superintendent of their decision, and the Superintendent informs the parent of the Board's decision, which is final.

VI. Completion of Term

Grade K-8 students whose legal residency changes mid-term, putting the child in a different school zone, will be allowed to complete the current nine-week grading period prior to transferring to the school within the new school zone.

VII. Definitions

Residence or legal residence: Domicile in which student resides more than 50 percent of the time.

Legal Guardian: Adult certified by an appropriate court or other appropriate governmental authority as "general guardian" (or the equivalent if assigned by a court or other governmental agency not subject to Mississippi statutes) in accord with Mississippi Statute 93-13-15, such legal designation to be able also to stand the additional tests of Mississippi statutes 93-13-17 and 93-13-38.

Exception: Temporary custody assigned by Family Court to an adult will be honored as legal guardianship.

City limits, corporate limits, corporate lines or corporate boundary lines: These terms refer to these limits and lines of the City of Gulfport as they existed immediately prior to the annexation which occurred on or about December 23, 1993, more precisely defined as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 31, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Harrison County, Mississippi, and from said point of beginning running thence east to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 11 West; run thence north to the northwest corner of said southeast quarter of southwest quarter; run thence due west to the east line of Virginia Avenue, as shown on the official map of North Gulfport recorded in Book 2 at Page 1 of the Record of Plats of Harrison County, Mississippi; run thence north along the east line of said Virginia Avenue to its intersection with the north line of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 11 West; run thence east along the north line of said Section 27 to the east line of Mize Avenue, as shown on the official plat of Magnolia Highway Subdivision extended, recorded in Book 13 at Page 11 of the Record of Plats of Harrison County, Mississippi; run thence north along the east line of said Mize Avenue and the extension thereof to its intersection with the north line of the south half of the south half of Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 11 West; run thence east along the north line of said south half of south half of Section 22 to the west line of Section 23, Township 7 South, Range 11 West; Run thence north along the west line of Section 23, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, to the north margin of Gulfport Lake or Bayou Bernard, thence generally easterly, following the meanderings of the northerly shoreline or margin of Gulfport Lake or Bayou Bernard to the east line of said Section 23, Township 7 South, Range 11 West or extension thereof; run thence south to the centerline of Bayou Bernard, thence following the meanderings of the centerline of said Bayou Bernard in easterly direction to its intersection with the south property line of Bernard Bayou Industrial District in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, said intersection also being 754 feet south and 500 feet, more or less, west of the southeast corner of Lot 10, Subdivision Number 2 of Bernard Bayou Industrial District as recorded in Plat Book 25, Page 26, at the First Judicial District Courthouse, Harrison County, Mississippi; run thence east along said south property line of Bernard Bayou Industrial District to a point 754 feet south and 1085.9 feet east of the southeast corner of said Lot 10 of said Subdivision Number 2 of Bernard Bayou Industrial District; run thence south 72 degrees 59 minutes east along said south property line of Bernard Bayou Industrial District or an extension thereof

to its intersection with the west line of the east half of the east half of Section 20, Township 7 south, Range 10 West; run thence south along the west line of the east half of the east half of Sections 20 and 29, Township 7 South, Range 10 West to the

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southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 10 West; run thence east along the half section line of said Section 29 to the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of said Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 10 West. Said point being a point on the west boundary of the City of Biloxi as designated by Decree of the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi in Cause Number 45,112, dated September 25, 1964; run thence south along the west corporate boundary line of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, said line being the section line common to Sections 28, 29 of Township 7 South, Range 10 West, to its intersection with the south right-of-way line of Pass Christian Road; run thence in a westerly direction, along the south right-of-way line of Pass Christian Road a distance of 658.5 feet; run thence south a distance of 164 feet, more or less; run thence west a distance of 50 feet, more or less; run thence south to the section line common to Sections 29 and 32; Township 7 South, Range 10 West; run thence west along said section line to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 29, Township 7 South; Range 10 West; run thence south 1 degree 10 minutes west 656.3 feet, more or less, to a point 1,352 feet west of the line common to Sections 32 and 33, Township 7 South, Range 10 West; run thence east 1,352 feet to the line common to said Sections 32 and 33, said point being within the boundary of Debuys Road; run thence south along the line common to said Sections 32 and 33 and the extension thereof to a point in the Gulf of Mexico 5,000 feet south of the south line of the Harrison County seawall; run thence southwesterly in a straight line to a point 5,000 feet south of the Harrison County seawall on the extension of the east line of the United States government hospital situated west of Arkansas Avenue; run thence southwesterly in a straight line to a point in the Gulf of Mexico or Mississippi Sound that is 5,000 feet southeasterly along the extension of the west line of Lot 8 of Gottschalk Survey of the Claude Ladner Claim from the south line of the Harrison County seawall; run thence northwesterly along the extension of the west line of said Lot 8 and along the west line of said Lot 8 to the northwest corner of said Lot 8; run thence southwesterly along the north line of the said Claude Ladner Claim to the east line of the Widow N. Ladner Claim; run thence northwesterly along the east line of said Widow N. Ladner Claim to the northeast corner thereof; run thence southwesterly along the north line of the said Widow N. Ladner Claim to where same intersects the west line of Section 7, Township 8 South, Range 11 West; run thence north along the west line of said Section 7 and the west line of Section 6, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, and along the west line of Section 31, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, to the point of beginning; all of said land being situated within Harrison County, Mississippi.