

ELEMENTARY PLACEMENT FOR BRISTOL SCHOOLS

I. PURPOSE

The Bristol Warren Regional School District (BWRSD) is committed to providing a quality education and positive school experience in a safe, supportive, and appropriate environment for each child in grades PK-5. This policy shall clarify the priorities surrounding the placement of students in the various school buildings and shall provide guidance for decision-making regarding assignment of incoming students to District elementary schools.

II. DEFINITIONS

- *Safe Facilities:* All school buildings and classrooms shall conform to all Federal and State regulations providing for the health and safety of students. These include, but are not limited to, those regulations that address asbestos, lead, Indoor Air Quality, electrical and fire safety, and conditions required by the American Disabilities Act.
- *Educationally Appropriate Facilities:* A school building and classroom which support the grade level activities and curriculum prescribed for children of a particular age and developmental stage by Federal and State guidelines.

III. IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURES

School Assignments:

Each elementary school in the Bristol Warren Regional District will be assigned a central neighborhood zone from which the resident students will be assigned placement at the school. This central neighborhood zone is identified as Zone 1. Additional zones are identified by their proximity to the school or by geographic location/feature. These additional zones are identified as Zone 2 and Zone 3. Students are assigned placement to the school by selecting from Zone 1 first. If school enrollments reach capacity in Zone 1 the Superintendent will make the determination for student placement based on the following factors:

1. Optimum student/teacher ratio across all elementary schools
2. Optimum educational setting for children requiring specialized services, such as English Language Learners or students who are differently-abled
2. Selection from Zone 2 resident students
3. Selection from Zone 3 resident students
4. Sensible planning for the transportation of students
5. Sound fiscal management of facilities and resources

Where possible, the District will attempt to ensure younger siblings are placed in schools that their older siblings attend. Should a situation occur where children from an entire zone cannot attend due to space limitations, assignment to the central neighborhood school will be determined by the Superintendent who will take the aforementioned factors into consideration.

The Superintendent and/or his/her designee, supported by the School Committee, shall retain the authority to make all placement decisions.

Identification of the Zones 1, 2, 3 for each Bristol elementary school (map attached):

Rockwell School

Zone 1:

South of the Bristol Warren Town line to but not including Asylum Road. West of Hope Street, including the west side of Hope Street, to the west shoreline.

Zone 2:

South of the Bristol Warren Town line to and including Gooding Avenue. East of Hope Street, including the east side of Hope Street, to and including the west side of Metacom Avenue.

Zone 3:

South of the Bristol Warren Town line to and including Kickemuit Avenue and intersecting streets Tina Court, Brian Drive, Amy Drive, Masterson Lane, Wilcox Street and Harrison Street. East of Metacom Avenue, including the east side of Metacom Avenue to the east shoreline.

Guiteras School

Zone 1:

South of Gooding Avenue to Bayview Avenue, south to the intersection of Wood Street and St. Elizabeth Street to and including Lincoln Avenue but excluding Highview Drive, Kennedy Court, Carr Lane, and Gladding Street.

East of Hope Street, including the east side of Hope Street, to and including the west side of Metacom Avenue.

Zone 2:

All of Asylum Road south to but not including Poppasquash Road.

West of Hope Street, including the west side of Hope Street to the west shoreline.

Zone 3:

South of, and including, Souza Street and Maytum Avenue to Annawamscutt Drive.

East of Metacom Avenue, including the east side of Metacom Avenue to the east shoreline.

Colt Andrews School

Zone 1:

South of, and including Bayview Avenue, to the intersection of Wood Street and Franklin Street, including all of Franklin Street to the south shoreline east of Metacom Avenue.

West of Metacom Avenue, including the west side of Metacom Avenue to the east shoreline.

Zone 2:

South of Poppasquash Road, including all of Poppasquash Road to the south shoreline.
From east to west of the Poppasquash peninsula.

Zone 3:

South of Annawamscutt Road, excluding Annawamscutt Road, to the southern shoreline. East of Metacom Avenue, including the east side of Metacom Avenue, as well as including Highview Drive, Kennedy Court, Carr Lane, and Gladding Street to the eastern shoreline.

Note: Zone 3 for each of the elementary schools may be considered a flexible area for student assignment to the school. Should a situation occur where children from this zone cannot attend a school due to space limitations, the Superintendent shall determine placement based upon the following factors:

1. Neighborhood designation
2. Proximity to another Bristol elementary school
3. Sensible planning for the transportation of students
4. Sound fiscal management of facilities and resources
5. Optimum student/teacher ratio
6. Optimum educational setting for each child

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