

Tumwater School District Board Policy

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AREAS

The Tumwater School District Board of Directors shall regularly review the geographic attendance areas designated for each building in the district and shall act on any changes as recommended. As population and enrollment shifts within the district and new school facilities are constructed, changes in attendance areas or transfer of students may become necessary. By mid-May of each school year, the next year's estimated enrollment will be forecasted for each school's attendance area.

Students shall attend the school designated for their residential address unless individual requests for transfers have been approved according to Policy 3131.

In those cases where a school's projected enrollment substantially exceeds class size guidelines and/or available classroom space, student transfers will be proposed in order to operate an effective and efficient educational program during the following year. The following factors shall be considered when the district develops attendance area boundaries and considers student transfers:

- A. Minimizing unnecessary disruption of established learning programs.
- B. Maintaining established neighborhood groupings as much as possible.
- C. Ensuring that feeder school implications are addressed.
- D. Coordinating efficient transportation routes within and across attendance areas.
- E. Accounting for geographical features of the area.
- F. Safety in pupil transportation.
- G. Safe walking conditions.
- H. Racial/Ethnic/Gender balance as much as possible.
- I. Socio-Economic balance as much as possible.
- J. Sufficient lead time ahead of implementation to ensure effective implementation and communication.

Staff members may provide students and families information about the programs offered in each school, but will refrain from any form of recruiting of students from outside the designated attendance area.

The district reserves the right to base final decisions on the needs of all schools in the district.

Cross References Policy 3131 – District Attendance Area Transfers

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