

The School Board shall establish residential attendance zones for each school based on the Superintendent's recommendation. All students, unless otherwise provided by School Board rule or authorized by the School Board's order, shall attend the school serving the student's residential attendance zone. Each residential attendance zone shall be established to achieve maximum utilization of all School Board facilities and to consider the time and distance of travel for students. The instructional capacity for each school will be set yearly by the School Board after the recommendation by the Superintendent or his/her designee ("Instructional Capacity"). For the purposes of this policy, Enrollment Capacity is defined as ten percent less than the Instructional Capacity. A student's residence is the residence of his/her parent(s), legal guardian, legal custodian, or other such person as defined by any order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction of the state of Florida and by Florida Statutes. Any student residing in the School District shall be assigned to a school for attendance by the Superintendent or designee based upon the Controlled School Choice Program. The Superintendent may assign a student to any district school or educational program if it is in the best interest of the school district.

- I. To enroll a student in school, the person enrolling the child must:
 - a. Be a custodial parent; or,
 - b. Have a certified copy of a court order naming the person as guardian or giving the person custody of the child.
 - c. The Superintendent may consider a power of attorney on a temporary basis in extenuating circumstances after a review of the circumstances for the request.
- II. An individual who is eighteen (18) years of age desiring to enroll or re-enroll in the school system and who is not currently within one (1) year of meeting graduation requirements will be assigned to the Adult Education Program by the Board. Individuals who are 19 years of age or older will be assigned to the Adult Education Program. However, the Board may be petitioned by the student or his/her parent for placement in the school system on probationary status. This is not applicable to students in Exceptional Student Education.
- III. Where a student has attained the age of eighteen (18) years and no longer resides with, or receives support from, his/her parents or guardian, any requirements that

the parents or guardian be notified concerning in matter relating to the student shall not apply; and, in lieu of such requirements, due written notice shall be given directly to the student. A student in this category shall be personally responsible for his/her conduct and shall make all decisions relating to his/her affairs in relationship to the school, except where the student is enrolled in Exceptional Student Education as an intellectually disabled student or has been declared mentally incompetent by a court of jurisdiction.

- IV. Any out-of-county student requesting to attend school in Bradford County must be recommended by the Principal or Superintendent. After initial approval, a student may continue to attend a Bradford County school provided the student remains in good standing at that school. However, any change in good standing status may result in the Superintendent revoking that student's privilege to attend a Bradford County school. Students exhibiting disciplinary problems may have attendance privileges revoked immediately. Other considerations for continued attendance for following year (i.e. overcrowding of classes) shall be determined at the end of each school year.
 - A. Out of County students may ride Bradford County school buses provided the student boards at the nearest approved bus stop and the bus is not overcrowded. Bus riding privileges may be revoked if disciplinary issues occur.
 - B. The Superintendent shall have the authority to release a Bradford County resident student to another district.
- V. No student shall be permitted to transfer, enroll, or be admitted to a school when he/she has been expelled or suspended from another school district. This prohibition shall be effective for the period of time in which the student was expelled or suspended from another district. Such students shall be accorded the same appeals procedure which is available to District students. However, under 1006.07, F.S., the Superintendent may recommend to the School Board that the other district's final order of expulsion be waived and the student be admitted. The School Board shall make the final decision.
- VI. A student may be permitted to attend a school in another residential attendance zone pursuant to the following procedures of the School *Controlled Open Enrollment Plan* adopted by the School Board listed below:
 - A. Parents must request reassignment following published timelines if they desire reassignment to any school other than their assigned school.

- B. An Appeals committee will be appointed by the Superintendent. It will hear protests and requests for reassignment.
 - C. Once a child attends an out-of-zone school, preference for continued attendance will be given to that student and their younger brothers and sisters. Acceptance will be based on individual student request, class size, and school capacity.
 - D. Parents participating in the controlled school choice program will provide their own transportation to the school of their choice. The District will provide parents with information on transportation options available within the community. Parents will be provided information on transportation options available for students attending their school of choice pursuant to 1002.38, 1002.39 or 1002.394 and including within the community, as well as the funds available for transportation pursuant to ss. 1002.394, 1002.395 and 1011.68.
 - E. Out of county transfers may apply for their school of choice and will be placed in their school of choice in accordance with the procedures set forth in Policy 5.031 Student Out of Zone Transfers/CHOICE following the placement of the Bradford County Residents who have priority.
 - F. In implementing the school choice initiative, no school will be out of compliance with federal desegregation orders.
 - G. Students in the Exceptional Education Program will be placed in the best interest educationally for the child and where the programming for that specific disability is being housed.
- VII. Any student whose legal residence is outside the boundaries of the county may be enrolled in a District school under the provisions of Florida Statutes and the *Controlled Open Enrollment Plan*. The assigned school for an out-of-district student shall be designated on the basis of space available. Such transfers shall be on a nondiscriminatory basis and shall not result in reducing desegregation in either school district or in reinforcing the dual school system.

VIII. A student who has been attending, in the year prior to the designation, a public school that has been classified as performance grade category “F” or has earned three (3) consecutive grades of “D” or a student who is assigned to a public school that has been designated as performance grade category “F” or has earned three (3) consecutive grades of “D” may attend a higher performing public school in the District or a school in another district as allowed by law.

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