7132	Elementary Attendance Areas

Resident students shall be assigned to schools on the basis of their place of residence and school boundary lines as established by the Board of Education.

School boundary lines regulating the assignment of students to schools shall be established and changed in the best interests of the total school district enrollment.

In order to balance class size in each grade level across the district, the Superintendent shall designate "flexible attendance areas". Flexible attendance areas are neighborhoods served by school buses for more than one elementary school. Families with elementary children who move into flexible attendance areas will be assigned by the Superintendent or his/her designee to manage enrollment. Elementary age siblings will be assigned to the same school.

Students entering grade 5 who remain as district residents as defined in policy 7130 but who change zones during the summer months will have the option of completing the school year in their current school building or attending the school assigned to their new attendance zone. Additionally, families who rent a home in the District and move to a different rental in the District, may remain in their original school zone.

The Superintendent, upon appeal from a student's parent/legal guardian or building principal, may determine, based on evidence submitted, that placement in an alternate zone will be in the best interest of the student and their learning. Such evidence shall include, but not be limited to, student academic progress records; student behavioral records; teacher, school counselor, or administrator communications.

The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures that will guide such determinations.

Students with disabilities in special class placement and English Language Learners shall be enrolled in the school where such programs are located.

Legal Authority:
Education Law (§1709 (3), (33)

Policy Cross Reference:
Policy 7130 – Entitlement to Attend- Age and Residency
Policy 7131 – Education of Homeless Children and Youth
Policy 7133 - Placement of Students for Instruction

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