



DARTMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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District Attendance Zone Waiver Procedures

The following guidelines in granting attendance zone waivers shall be applied:

- K-5 students shall attend the elementary school in the district attendance zone in which they reside. This right will be maintained regardless of class sizes and/or attendance zone waivers.
- Information on attendance zones areas will be posted on the district website and made available through the district office.
- Parents/legal guardians may request that their child (children) attend a school outside of the attendance zone in which they live. This is to be done through the completion of the application form, forwarded to the Office of Teaching and Learning. Attention - Karen Scorpio - Administrative to the Office of Teaching and Learning - Karenscorpio@dartmouthschools.org.
- Requests should be submitted between May 1 and the last day of school, with notice by July 1 for the forthcoming school year. Waiver requests received after July 1 will be acted upon by August 15, upon permission by the Superintendent based on current class sizes. Please note: within-district school year transfers (August-June) will not be considered.
- Students whose families move outside of their attendance zone within the Town of Dartmouth after March 31 may be allowed to complete that school year, but parents shall be responsible for transportation to/from school. Application for a zone waiver will be required for consideration in the subsequent year/s.
- Students whose families move into the Town of Dartmouth during the school year may apply for a zone waiver upon registering.
- All determinations for granting district attendance zone waivers will be made on a space available basis.
- Upon application, parents will be advised that while preferable, siblings may not be permitted to enroll in the same school if class/grade levels sizes are prohibitive.
- Zone waivers may be revoked for attendance concerns.
- **Parents/Guardians will be responsible for providing transportation.**
- Under circumstances where a student is not granted entry into the requested school, the parent/guardian of that student will be able to reapply for entry on/after May 1 of the following year (and the process shall be repeated on a space available basis). No waiting lists will be maintained from year to year and/or after the opening of school.
- Applications for zone waivers shall be granted on a first come first serve basis in accordance with District policy. Special circumstances relative to health, child care, siblings, etc. will be considered.



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ATTENDANCE ZONE WAIVER APPLICATION

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Complete Address: _____

(Dartmouth Residency Required)

Email Address: _____

School Requested: _____ School Presently Attending: _____

District Assigned School: _____

Reason for Request: _____

Siblings*: _____ School/Grade(As Applicable): _____

**Please Note: Zone Waiver approval for one child does not guarantee subsequent approval of siblings.*

In submitting a District Attendance Zone Waiver Application, I understand that and make a commitment to:

- Support/Maintain consistency in my child's attendance at their new school.
- Provide transportation to and from school.
- Registration materials are completed (if not presently enrolled in Dartmouth Schools).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to the Office of Teaching and Learning
Attention: Karen Scorpio - Karenscorpio@dartmouthschools.org

Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Current School: _____

Approved: Yes or No Reason Not Approved: _____

Teaching and Learning Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Superintendent's Signature: _____ Date: _____