



**POLICY: ATTENDANCE AREAS**

The Board shall attempt to achieve enrollment balance among district schools within the constraints of pupil safety, facility capacity, budgetary limitations, personnel availability, and program offerings.

Assignment of Attendance Areas: Each student shall attend the school designated for his/her respective residential area unless an individual request for transfer has been approved according to district policy and procedures.

Changes to Assigned Attendance Areas: As population or enrollment shifts occur within the district, changes in attendance areas or transfer of students may become necessary. Each spring every instructional facility in the district shall determine a projected capacity figure for the coming school year.

The district will base final decision on the needs of all its schools. Enrollments in an attendance area shall be determined by the district.

The following factors may be among those considered when the district develops attendance area boundaries and considers student transfers:

- A. Minimizing disruption of students' established learning programs;
- B. Maintaining, so far as possible, existing neighborhood groupings;
- C. Adjusting school and class enrollments to match available space;
- D. Coordinating transportation routes with attendance areas;
- E. Making most effective use of fiscal resources; and
- F. Achieving efficient deployment of district personnel.

**CROSS REFERENCES:** Policy 3131 Attendance Area Transfers

**LEGAL REFERENCES:** RCW 28A.320.040 Bylaws for board and school government  
Sec. 205, Ch. 9, Intradistrict Transfer Policies.  
Laws of 1990  
1st Ex. Sess.

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