

Students

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The board will have complete discretion to determine the boundaries for each attendance center and the nature of other academic programs including online programs. It is the responsibility of the superintendent or designee to assign students to the attendance centers or programs, and to assign students to classrooms within attendance centers.

Parents or guardians of siblings in the same grade level academically in grades kindergarten through grade five may request the siblings be placed in the same or different classrooms or programs. In order to be valid, the request must be made in writing and submitted to the school principal at the time of registration for classes, or within fourteen days after the children's first day of attendance during the school year. If a valid request is received by the school principal, the request must be honored. While a parent or guardian may make a placement request that siblings be placed together or apart, the district administration retains complete discretion to select the classroom teacher(s) to which siblings are assigned. If after the initial grading period following the placement of siblings in the same or different classrooms the school principal determines the placement is disruptive to the class; the principal may assign one or more of the siblings to different classrooms.

The superintendent will consider the geographical layout of the school district, the condition and location of the school district facilities, the location of student population, possible transportation difficulties, financial condition of the school district, program options and other factors deemed relevant by the superintendent or the board when making attendance center program assignments.

Pupils shall be required to attend their assigned attendance center or program but the superintendent or his/her staff, for good cause, may transfer a pupil to another attendance center or program. Pupils moving to another attendance center or program during the last quarter of the school year may remain in their former attendance center or program until the end of the school year upon request by the parent or guardian and approval by the Superintendent of Schools.

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