

Students

Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer

Attendance Areas

The School District is divided into school attendance areas. The Superintendent will review the boundary lines annually and recommend any changes to the Board of Education. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a map of the District showing current school attendance areas. Students living in a given school attendance area will be assigned to that school. Homeless children shall be assigned according to Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*.

Attendance center boundaries and resident requirements for interscholastic activities

1. Except hereinafter provided, a student shall attend school in the school attendance center wherein he/she is a bona fide resident either living as an emancipated student completely self-supporting or living with his/her parent(s) or legally court-appointed guardian, or as assigned by official action of the school district.
2. A parent forfeits their right to an exception to boundary if at any point they provide false information to the District. Children of parents providing false information to the District will be transferred to the home school at the end of the current grading period.
3. Students may attend school outside of their school attendance center upon approval of a Request for exception to School District Boundary Rule. Requests for an exception to a boundary are initiated at the school when the student would normally attend. If the principal of the receiving school agrees to the exception and final approval is given by the Superintendent or designee, the student may attend school at the school requested. Exception to the boundary will be considered if:
 - A. the principals accept responsibility for compliance with the policy when they affix their signature in approval of the exception to attendance boundary form.
 - B. the receiving school has space available (no new staff will be hired).
 - C. the racial balance of the sending and receiving schools is not upset.
 - D. the parent accepts responsibility for transporting the child to the out of boundary school.

The following is a list of reasons for which exceptions to boundary will be considered:

- A. Child supervision when parents are working
 - B. Health or safety of the student
 - C. Family hardship
 - D. Educational reasons – when a student moves from one attendance center to another.
 - E. A parent or legal guardian is a certificated staff member at a high school outside of their school attendance center.
4. The Associate Superintendent will maintain records of exceptions to attendance center boundary waivers after they have been removed by the executive director for primary schools, the assistant superintendent over the middle schools, and the associate superintendent over the high schools.
 5. Students granted an exception of boundary are immediately eligible for participation in interscholastic activities if the student meets prescribed grade requirements, and if there has been no violation of Illinois High School Association Rules.
 6. Restoration to eligibility status for interscholastic activities, after being ineligible for other than academic reasons, shall be at the discretion of the building principal and staff.
 7. In accordance with established policy, once an exception of boundary has been approved for high school students, the choice shall be permanent except for those changes brought

- about by re-establishment of residence in another attendance center area. Exception to the boundary for elementary students shall be renewed annually.
8. Alley Line or Lot Line
In some instances, the line described as the alley line may actually be only a lot line.
 9. High School Attendance Center Guidelines
 - A. All incoming ninth graders and all students transferring into District 150 from other school districts shall attend the high school serving the area in which their residence is located.
 - B. Any student enrolled in District 150 high school at the close of the school year whose residence is placed in a new high school attendance area by boundary changes and who has a younger brother or sister entering the new high school may transfer to the new high school or he/she may continue to attend the high school in which he/she is enrolled.
 - C. Once the above options have been exercised, the choice shall be permanent except for those changes allowed by the exceptions to the boundary rule.
 10. A student may continue his/her final year or years at a particular high school even though he/she moves from one attendance center to another, within District 150, providing that:
 - A. He/she has attended that school
 - B. He/she has contemporaneously had a bona fide residence within that school attendance center for one school year.
 If he/she wishes to transfer schools, he/she must transfer by the start of the next school year following the change of residence.
 11. Notwithstanding paragraph 10 of this policy, any student who is enrolled in a high school academy shall return and re-enroll in the high school serving the student's residence in the event that the student withdraws from the academy. If the withdrawal occurs during a grading period, the principal of the academy's high school may allow the student to remain at that high school for the balance of the grading period, when it is in the best interests of the student and high school.

The provisions in this section have no applicability to transfers mandated by: (1) Title I covered in Board policy 6:15, *School Accountability*, or (2) the Unsafe School Choice Option covered in Board policy 4:170, *Safety*.

Class Assignments

The Building Principal shall assign students to classes.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-21.3, 5/10-21.3a, and 5/10-22.5.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

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