

# Brevard County (Florida)

## Bylaws & Policies

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### **5120 - ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT**

The Board directs that the assignment of students to schools within this District be consistent with the best interests of students and the best use of the resources of this District.

The Board shall determine annually the school attendance areas of the District and shall expect the students within each area to attend the school so designated.

The Superintendent shall periodically review existing attendance areas and recommend to the Board such changes as may be justified by:

- A. considerations of safe student transportation and travel;
- B. convenience of access to schools;
- C. financial and administrative efficiency;
- D. the effectiveness of the instructional program;
- E. a wholesome and educationally sound balance of student populations.

No assignment to schools or attendance schedules shall discriminate against students on the basis of gender, race, religion, disability, or national origin.

The Superintendent may assign a student to a school other than that designated by the attendance area when such exception is justified by circumstances and is in the best interest of the student.

The principal shall assign students in his/her school to appropriate grades, classes, or groups. This action shall be based on consideration of the needs of the student as well as the administration of the school.

### **Assistance to Transitioning Students from Military Families**

Students of military families may be faced with numerous transitions during their school years. The District, in compliance with Florida law, will promote practices which assist the military families transitioning to Brevard County, develop and implement through a memorandum of agreement between the District and the local military installation, and provide first preference for admission to special academic programs for students of military families in transition who meet the eligibility requirements of the program.

### **Request for Educational Location Option**

A student may be permitted to attend a school other than the school serving the parents' residential area by completing an application for the approval or disapproval of the Director of School Choice who shall take into consideration in making the decision criteria, including but not limited to, the following:

- A. severe health problems
- B. small school status
- C. personal legal issues

- D. racial integrity
- E. acceptance of parental/student responsibility for transportation, good attendance, and acceptable behavior
- F. other hardships

## **Request for Educational Location Option for Nonresident Students**

Students who are not residents of Brevard County may attend a school in the District upon compliance with Florida laws governing admission of students to the schools of the State. Such students may be assigned to schools by the Superintendent.

Approval of an educational location option assignment and/or approval for non-resident students must also meet the criteria for educational location option approval noted in Policy [7120](#).

Revocation of an educational location option assignment/contract may be invoked for the following reasons:

- A. Poor attendance, inappropriate behavior, unacceptable grades, or lack of academic effort by the student.
- B. Excessive tardies or late pick-up after school of the student.
- C. Falsification of address or entrance documents.

## **Appeal Process for Denial of Educational Location Option**

The District will implement established procedures for parents to appeal the denial of an educational location option assignment request. Parents must submit the District Appeal Form and supporting documentation to the Office of School Choice by stipulated deadline. A District Appeal Team will review submitted documentation and determine if the appeal should be granted.

## **Participation in Educational Program Opportunity**

An applicant must be a District resident at time of application and provide two (2) proofs of residency. The approval of a student to attend a school other than his/her zoned school of attendance for the purposes of attending an educational program opportunity is valid for as long as the student participates in said program at the identified school. A student must return to his/her zoned school of attendance at the end of the semester if s/he no longer participates in the program.

The Superintendent shall develop and update as needed administrative procedures to implement this policy.

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