

EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD REGULATION

SUBJECT: **School Attendance Zones**

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The Eastern School District will assign all students in the District to attend their designated school as defined by the Eastern School District Elementary Schools Zoning Manual.

1. For the purpose of these regulations, school attendance zone means a defined geographical area within the School District, and a school year is defined as that period of time beginning on September 1 and ending on June 30.
2. Students are assigned to schools by attendance zones.
3. The Superintendent of Education or designate may authorize a student to attend a school other than the school to which the student is assigned.
4. Prior to adopting changes in the boundaries of school attendance zones or changing the school which serves students in a particular school attendance zone, the procedures described in Sections 5 to 8 below shall be followed.
5. Upon receipt of a request, the Board Chairperson shall establish an ad-hoc committee to study the request. The ad-hoc committee shall first recommend a) to proceed with or b) deny the request. If the Board then accepts a recommendation to proceed with the request, the request shall be subject to the regulations 6 - 10. Interested parties shall be informed of the Board's decision regarding the ad-hoc committee's recommendations.
6. Any request to change the boundaries of the school attendance zones for the following school year must be submitted to the Board Chairperson by October 15.

7. If changes are to be considered for the following school year, prior to March 31 the Chairperson of the ad-hoc committee shall present a report first to the Committee of the Whole and then, during a regular meeting of the School Board, release for public input a report concerning:
 - (a) proposed changes in boundaries of school attendance zones;
 - (b) proposed changes in the assignment of attendance zones to a school or schools;
 - (c) proposed changes in the grade configurations at a school.

8. The report referred to in Section 7 may contain, for each school attendance zone identified, the following information:
 - (a) any proposed change in the boundary of the school attendance zone;
 - (b) the school or schools to which the school attendance zone will be assigned;
 - (c) the school population in the school attendance zone for the past five years;
 - (d) the projected school population in the school attendance zone for the next five years;
 - (e) the availability of space in school buildings affected by the proposed changes;
 - (f) any available statistics concerning approved residential sub-divisions available for new residential construction;
 - (g) any available information concerning plans for commercial or industrial development in the geographical area served by the school;
 - (h) a transportation plan for the affected students;
 - (i) the impact of the proposed changes on the educational program at the affected schools;
 - (j) a financial analysis which includes a projection of both costs and savings which would result from the proposed changes;

9. The School Board shall assure public access to the request for boundary of school attendance zone changes by providing examination copies at school board offices and other locations convenient for the public and by providing a reasonable number of copies that can be obtained by residents of the District either without charge or at a price not greater than the cost of printing the report.

10. (1) At least six weeks shall be provided for public input following the publication of the request for boundary of school attendance zone changes and the School Board shall provide for the receipt of written briefs and the holding of at least one public meeting to consider the request.
 - (2) Notice of the invitation for briefs and the holding of the public meeting pursuant to subsection (1) shall be given through an advertisement which appears in a newspaper having general circulation in the District and shall be published at least three times, with the first notice appearing at least four weeks before the deadline for receipt of briefs and the date of the public meeting.

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