

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT

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# Lebanon School District

<p>1. Purpose SC 1310</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>206. ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT</p> <p>The Board directs that the assignment of students to schools within this district be consistent with proper education of students and the best use of the resources of this district.</p> <p>The Board shall determine the school attendance areas of the district and shall expect the students within each area to attend the school so designated except as noted below under Section 3.A. Open Enrollment, School Choice and No Child Left Behind. In assigning pupils to schools within this district, no distinction whatever shall be made on the basis of the student's race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall periodically review existing attendance areas and recommend to the Board such changes as may be justified by: considerations of safe student transportation and travel; financial and administrative efficiency; and the effectiveness of the instructional program.</p> <p>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 proper educational interest of the student. The district will provide transportation (where appropriate) for students who are assigned to schools outside of that designated attendance area.</p> <p>Every effort shall be made to continue a pupil in the elementary school to which s/he is initially assigned.</p> <p>Wherever possible and advisable in the interests of the pupils, siblings shall be assigned to the same building.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44</p>
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The Superintendent shall assign incoming transfer students to such schools, grades, and classes as may afford each student the greatest likelihood of realizing fullest educational potential.

The building 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.

A. Open Enrollment, School Choice and No Child Left Behind

The Superintendent or his/her designee may grant families the option of having their children attend a district elementary school outside their designated attendance area under the district's Open Enrollment program.

- Each school year, all families shall be provided with an opportunity to submit an application to have their children attend a school outside of their designated attendance area. Applications shall be submitted on or before a designated date. Assignments shall be made using a process of random selection from applications submitted. However, applications citing verifiable child-care need as the primary reason for reassignment shall be given priority status.
- Reassignment requests shall be approved for one year only. Parents wishing to have their children remain in a school outside of their designated attendance area shall be required to submit an application each year. However, once a child is reassigned, s/he shall be given first priority to remain at the same school the following year.
- Reassignment requests shall be approved on a space-available basis only. Enrollment caps shall be established for each grade level at each school. Enrollment caps shall include provisions for school assignment needs which normally occur throughout a school year.

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- Parents shall be required to provide transportation for their child. The district assumes no responsibility for transporting children granted permission to attend a school under provisions of open enrollment.
- Once approved, reassignments shall be maintained for the current school year. Reassignments are not permitted during the school year unless a family changes their official residence to a different designated attendance area. Changes in the location of childcare providers shall not be considered a valid reason for reassignment during the school year.
- Applications for multiple child reassignments shall be considered, but not guaranteed.
- Applications shall not be accepted for reassignment of children who are enrolled in specialized programs which are not available in all schools.
- The district reserves the right to return a child to a school in their designated attendance area at any time due to the occurrence of problems related to reassignment.

B. School Choice and No Child Left Behind

If a district school is designated as being in "Improvement" or "Critical Action", based on required state tests, the Federal Law of No Child Left Behind (2001) requires the district to notify parents of such schools that they have the right to request a transfer for their child(ren) to another district school. The school of choice has to have made Adequate Yearly Progress.

Per the U.S. Congress law, No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Schools not achieving established targets for Reading and Math as well as academic indicators (attendance, participation, and graduation rate (high school only)); shall offer school choice to attend another school within the district that made adequate yearly progress (AYP). The district is unable however to offer school choice at the middle or high school level because there is only 1 school at each of these levels.

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