

## **Students**

### **TRANSFERS WITHIN FAIRFIELD**

### **5117.1**

Once residency has been established in accordance with State law, students shall attend the school designated for that residence. Attendance areas are established by the Board of Education.

A student may be granted a change in attendance area by the Superintendent or designee if space and program are available and for a specific demonstrable need. The Superintendent's decision shall be made in the best interest of the school district. Irrespective of demonstrable need, a student may be permitted to complete the school year in their previously assigned attendance area if the student has moved within Fairfield and has started the school year. No transportation shall be provided to these students. If the move occurs during grade four (4), grade seven (7), or grade eleven (11), the student will be permitted to attend grade five (5), grade eight (8), or grade twelve (12), respectively in the school the student had been attending with the requirement that the student will follow the middle school or high school assignment designated for the residence. (Siblings are not included as part of this provision.) Families planning to move within Fairfield within the school year may request permission of the Superintendent of Schools to attend the school designated for a residence being acquired or built, if the parent or guardian has firm plans to purchase or build elsewhere within the Town (written proof is required).

In the interest of the student, the Board anticipates maintaining an out-of- attendance area placement for the duration of the school level in which the out-of-attendance area placement is initially granted (elementary school, middle school, high school). However, a parent or guardian shall not accept an out-of- attendance area placement without the full understanding that such placement may be subject to an annual review by the Superintendent or designee and may be withdrawn if it is in the best interest of the school district.

Transportation of out-of- attendance area students must be provided to and from the alternate school by the parents or guardians.

In the event of redistricting, the Board may consider modifications to this policy to accommodate circumstances created by the redistricting plan.

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