


Attendance at Schools Out of Attendance Area

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	External References: • Education Act: Sections 85, 87, 156, 175, 194, 196	Internal References: • Form 550-1 Student Bus Transportation Request • Form 550-2 Bus Pick-Up Site Parent Agreement

Background

The Division is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunity for students. In accordance with Section 85(1)(g) of the Education Act, the Board designates the schools that students are to attend.

The Division understands that, on occasion, families may desire the attendance of their child(ren) at a school other than that determined by the Board. The Director provides for due process to consider such requests.

Procedures

1. Transportation Request

- 1.1 Where families desire that their child(ren) attend a school other than that determined by the Board, the family shall submit a written request to the Transportation Supervisor. The Transportation Supervisor will consult with the Superintendent of Business, Director, and representatives of the Boundary Committee in making the decision.
- 1.2 In considering the request, the Committee will consider the following:
 - 1.2.1 The reason for the request;
 - 1.2.2 The student’s best interest and impact on the family;
 - 1.2.3 The current and future impact on the schools and other families involved;
 - 1.2.4 The location and proximity to adjacent schools and bus routes affecting the cost and time spent in transit; and
 - 1.2.5 Road access or safety issues.
- 1.3 Following the decision of the Committee, the Transportation Supervisor shall communicate their decision in writing to the parents making the request. The decision of the Committee shall be final.
- 1.4 Where a boundary change request is granted, the Transportation Supervisor shall arrange for transportation services to be provided to the school requested.
- 1.5 Where a boundary change request is denied, or where an accommodation for bus service has not been provided, transportation will be the responsibility of the family. Families are given the opportunity to have their child/children meet the bus at an existing approved bus stop within the requested attendance area. These arrangements for meeting the bus would be made by the parent and the family of the approved stop, in consultation with the Transportation Supervisor.