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STUDENT ATTENDANCE ZONES AND ASSIGNMENT

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1. Introduction. Each student residing in St. Johns County and enrolled in the public school system shall be assigned to a school based upon the student's residence.
2. Residence. For school assignment purposes, a student's residence shall be determined in accordance with the District's Student Assignment, Enrollment and Choice Plan.
3. Adoption of Attendance Zones. Attendance zones shall be adopted from time to time by the School Board pursuant to the rule making process of state law. In developing attendance zones, in accordance with the following criteria, the School Board shall consider whether the proposed attendance zone:
 - a. Anticipates future growth and demographic changes in the attendance zone.
 - b. Fully utilizes school facilities.
 - c. Meets school size commitments recommended by the School Board to the extent practical.
 - d. Keeps neighborhood units in the same attendance zone to the extent practical.
 - e. Assigns students to the closest school to the extent practical.
 - f. Places a transportation burden on any identifiable diversity subgroup.
 - g. Maximizes transportation efficiency.
 - h. Minimizes the disruption to students and their families caused by rezoning.
 - i. Creates demographic balance.
4. Assignment. Each student shall attend his/her assigned school unless voluntarily or involuntarily transferred to another school (including public schools in surrounding counties), pursuant to state law, School Board rule or procedure, including administrative placement at an alternative school when the Superintendent determines that such placement is in the best interest of the District.

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5. Expelled Students. No student shall be permitted to transfer or enroll in a school when the student has been expelled from another school district. As such, the St. Johns County School District shall enforce the terms of the original expulsion order.
6. Transfers. Students shall be permitted to transfer to a school other than their assigned school pursuant to School Board procedures, for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Based upon the St. Johns County residence of a parent who has shared parental responsibility.
 - b. To attend a Career Academy or Program of Choice.
 - c. Pursuant to the Controlled Open Enrollment process as set forth in the Student Assignment, Enrollment and Choice Plan.
 - d. “Hardship” as determined by the Superintendent.
 - e. Pursuant to state law and inter-local agreements entered into between surrounding school districts, which allow students for specific reasons to attend a school in this district or surrounding districts, regardless of the county in which they reside. Any such inter-local agreements shall be approved by the School Board and shall not materially impact the racial composition of either the receiving or sending district.
 - f. Based on the Opportunity Scholarship Program, a student assigned by attendance area or special assignment who spent the prior year in attendance at a public school that has been designated as earning a grade “F” or three consecutive “Ds” as based on statewide assessments conducted pursuant to Florida Statute 1008.22.
7. Administrative Reassignment. A student may be administratively reassigned to another school when in the sole judgment of the Superintendent such reassignment is in the interest of student welfare or safety, or otherwise in the best interest of the District.
8. Disciplinary Transfer. Students may be involuntarily transferred for disciplinary reasons pursuant to School Board rule or procedure, or in accordance with the terms of a court order.
9. Implementation. The Superintendent shall develop Student Assignment, Enrollment and Choice Plans for School Board approval. The Superintendent may also adopt guidelines and procedures to implement this rule.

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