

BOARD POLICY

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

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The Pickens County Board of Education has established geographic attendance zones for elementary and middle school students. Students are required to attend the grade appropriate school in the attendance zone in which they reside.

If a student is enrolled in any Pickens County school in compliance with these policies for nine consecutive weeks and that student's residency changes to another attendance zone within Pickens County, that student shall be entitled to attend either the school he/she was attending prior to the residency change or the school appropriate for the new attendance zone for the remainder of that school year. If the student chooses to attend the school he/she was attending prior to the residency change, that student shall be responsible for providing their own transportation to that school.

Attendance zones shall remain as established until modified by the Board. Attendance zones will be approved by the Board based on student enrollment, anticipated growth, transportation requirements, traffic patterns and congestion, classroom space availability, and educational program needs.

According to Georgia law, "a student shall be allowed to attend and be enrolled in the school in which a parent or guardian of such student is a full-time teacher, professional, or other employee..." O.C.G.A. 20-2-293(b) *As a benefit to employees of the school system, the Board will also allow employees' children to attend other schools within the district even if the employee does not work at that particular school.*

The board authorizes the superintendent to develop and implement regulations and guidelines to implement this policy.

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