

**Policy**

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

The Passaic Board of Education directs that the assignment of students to schools within the district be consistent with the best interests of students and the best use of district resources.

The board shall determine school attendance areas of the district and shall expect students within each attendance area to attend the school so designated.

The board directs the superintendent to periodically review existing attendance areas and recommend to the board such changes as may be justified by consideration of safe student transportation and travel; convenience of access to the schools; financial and administrative efficiency; the effectiveness of the instructional programing; and the ability to provide a wholesome and educationally sound balance of student populations.

The board shall publicize at the earliest date any contemplated plans for redistricting and may provide a public hearing on this subject before formal action is taken.

The board shall provide equal and bias-free access for all students to all school facilities, courses, programs, activities and services, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, disability or socioeconomic status.

The board shall strive to attain a minority representation within each school which approximates the district's overall minority representation. Whenever feasible, a reasonable plan consistent with the sound educational values and procedures of the district shall be developed for achieving the greatest degree of racial balance possible.

Principals shall be responsible for enforcing attendance lines in accordance with the designated school boundaries. However, the Superintendent is authorized to make exceptions for individuals when such exception is made in the best interests of the student and/or the school.

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**Legal References:** N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7 Equity in school and classroom practices  
N.J.A.C. 6A:3210.5 Student assignment and credit

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*5111 Admission  
\*5118 Nonresidents  
\*5119 Transfers  
\*5120 Assessment of individual needs  
  
\*6171.4 Special education  
\*6178 Early childhood education/preschool

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.