Board Policy Student Assignment to Schools

The Atlanta Board of Education shall establish the official zone boundary for each elementary, middle and high school upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Students shall attend the school in the zone in which is located the <u>bona fide</u> residence of their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) unless they have appropriate administrative approval to enroll elsewhere.

Unitary School System

The Atlanta Board of Education is charged with the responsibility for establishing and operating a program of free public education for the children and young people of the City of Atlanta.

Briefly, the Atlanta assignment plan consists of the following:

1. Students shall be assigned within the Atlanta Public Schools on the basis of geographic zone attendance areas. Zones shall be drawn so as to promote integration. Pairing may be used where feasible and practical to achieve integration.

2. The APS shall permit a student attending a school in which his/her race is in the majority to choose to attend another school where his/race is in the minority. In the implementation of this provision, the Board encourages full utilization of all available space to relieve over-crowded classrooms.

It is Board policy to accomplish fully the requirements of a unitary school system in all matters without regard to race or creed and that every effort be made to prevent the re-segregation of integrated schools. There shall be no reduction in services and/or administrative support because of an increase in the percentage of integration.

Children of Board Employees

School-based employees of the Atlanta Board of Education may enroll their children at their worksite. Atlanta Board of Education employees may apply to enroll their children at any Atlanta public school through the general administrative transfer process. All administrative transfer conditions and procedures apply to employees who request a school other than their worksite.

Administrative Transfer of Students

The official zone boundary for each elementary, middle, and high school is to be established by the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Students are to attend the school in the zone in which is located the <u>bona</u> <u>fide</u> residence of their parents/legal guardians unless they have appropriate administrative approval to enroll elsewhere.

Administrative transfers required by federal statute, such as the No Child Left Behind Act, shall have precedence over general administrative transfers. This includes any student who has been the victim of a violent criminal offense, who shall be allowed to transfer to a school within the system that is designated as safe.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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Georgia Code	DescriptionCode
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0294	Permanent classrooms; student commuting distance;
	reassignment; cost of transportation
Rule 160-5-128	Student Enrollment and Withdrawal
Rule 160-4-816	Unsafe School Choice Option
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0071	Placement of twins or higher order multiples in the same
	<u>classroom</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-2113	Special Needs Scholarship - Annual notification of options
	available to parents of special needs students
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0290	Organization of schools
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0293	Student attending school in system other than system of
	student's residence
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0059	LBOE rule-making authority
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0060	Consolidation of county schools
Rule 160-5-409	Limited Public School Choice

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These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.