

Fall River Joint Unified School District
Board Policy 5116

STUDENTS

School Attendance Boundaries

The Governing Board shall regularly review school attendance boundaries, taking into account school capacities and enrollment data, geographic features, student safety and transportation, racial and ethnic balance, educational programs such as magnet schools, and community input. Students shall attend school in their attendance area unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent or designee.

Demographic changes may result in overcrowded schools or in declining enrollment. Fiscal limitations may prevent the District from opening new schools or maintaining facilities that are unused. Changes in student population cannot always be remedied by a change in school attendance boundaries. The Board shall regularly review school and district enrollments and projected enrollments and will make every effort to ensure that students will be able to attend neighborhood schools. The Board shall hold a public hearing to secure community input before approving any boundary change.

The Superintendent or designee may place some students in a school outside of their attendance area in order to alleviate overcrowding. These students shall be provided free transportation to a school with adequate space. When possible, siblings will be allowed to attend the same school.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35291 Rules

35350 Transportation of students

35351 Assignment of students to schools

GOVERNMENT CODE

53312.7 Establishment of community facilities district; goals and policies

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

29 Ops. Atty. Gen. 63

COURT DECISIONS

Crawford v. Board of Education (1976) 17 Cal.3d 280

Jackson v. Pasadena City School District (1963) 59 Cal. 2d 876, 879

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