

Admissions/Withdrawals: School Attendance Zone Modifications	JC	1/9/08
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RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE:

The Cobb County School District (District) adheres to Georgia and Federal law and Board of Education Policy (Policy BBA [Board Powers and Responsibilities]) to establish attendance zones for all Cobb County schools.

RULE:

A. RECOMMENDED SIZE OF SCHOOLS:

Size of schools will be determined according to the Laws of the State of Georgia, State Board of Education Rules and Standards of AdvancED/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

B. PROCESS:

The District adheres to Georgia (including but not limited to HB 1068, as superseded and amended by HB539) and Federal law and Board of Education Policy BBA in developing proposed school attendance zones.

C. AFFECTED STUDENTS:

When attendance zone changes are made, the students affected may elect to remain in the school which they currently attend or enroll and attend the school in their approved attendance zone.

1. HIGH SCHOOL:

When attendance zone changes occur at the high school level, rising tenth-, eleventh-, and twelfth-grade students may elect to continue to attend their current high school.

a. Siblings:

Qualified siblings of these students may also attend the same high school:

- (1) This provision attempts to prevent siblings from being required to attend different high schools at the same time.
- (2) The younger sibling must be a student in high school at some time during the high school tenure of the older brother or sister. The high school student and his/her sibling must be in the following matching grades in the school year prior to the effective date of the attendance zone change:

High School Grade

9
10
11

Middle School Grade

6, 7, 8
7, 8
8

b. Transportation:

- (1) When attendance zone changes occur, a student shall be eligible for bus transportation if he/she elects to attend the school in the approved attendance zone.
- (2) If the student elects to remain at the school he/she currently attends, the student may provide his/her own transportation or board a bus at an approved bus stop for that school.
- (3) The same transportation procedures will apply to the approved sibling when he/she becomes a high school student.

c. Senior Class:

When a new high school is opened, it will not have a twelfth-grade class.

Transportation will be provided to these seniors to the school they currently attend.

2. MIDDLE SCHOOL:

When attendance zone changes occur at the middle school level, rising seventh- and eighth-grade students may elect to continue to attend their current middle school.

a. Siblings:

Qualified siblings of these students may also attend the same middle school.

(1) This provision attempts to prevent siblings from being required to attend different middle schools at the same time.

(2) The younger sibling must be a student in middle school at some time during the middle school tenure of the older brother or sister. The middle school student and his/her sibling must be in the following matching grades in the school year prior to the effective date of the attendance zone change:

Middle School Grade

6
7

Elementary School Grade

4, 5
5

b. Transportation:

The parent/guardian of the enrolled student and sibling electing this option may provide transportation for their student(s) or board a bus at an approved bus stop for that school.

3. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

When attendance zone changes occur at the elementary school level, rising kindergarten (in those schools with District-sponsored programs for students younger than kindergarten and who live in the attendance zone affected by the attendance zone change), first-, second-, third- and fourth-grade students may elect to continue to attend their current elementary school.

a. Siblings:

Qualified siblings of these students may also attend the same elementary school.

(1) This provision attempts to prevent siblings from being required to attend different elementary schools at the same time.

(2) A younger sibling of a student attending the school affected by the attendance zone change can attend the same elementary school if the student will continue to attend the elementary school the school year the younger sibling meets all admission requirements attends the school.

b. Transportation:

The parent/guardian of the enrolled student and sibling electing this option may provide transportation for their student(s) or board a bus at an approved bus stop for that school.

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