

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION JC-E

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

DIRECTIONS FOR ASSIGNING STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS

1:0 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1:1 Students enrolled in Fairhaven Public Schools shall be assigned as follows:

1:1.1 Rogers School

Students south of Route 6 and west of Alden Road **shall** be assigned to the Rogers School. Students south of North Street, including all side streets off of Adams Street **may** be assigned to the Rogers School.

1:1.2 Wood School

Students south of Route 6 and east of Alden Road including all streets off Sconticut Neck Road, including all of West Island **shall** be assigned to Wood School. Students north of Route 6, south of Route 195, and west of Route 240 **may** also be assigned to the Wood School.

1:1.3 East Fairhaven School

Students east of Route 240 both north and south of Route 6, and north of Route 195 shall be assigned to East Fairhaven School.

2:0 CONDITIONS

2:1 Students currently enrolled in schools and other siblings shall be “grandfathered”; allowed continued enrollment through grade five unless a condition of overcrowding exists, where contractual limits are exceeded. As such, dis-enrollment may occur at the end of a school year.

2:2 Students north of Route 6, south of North St, and west of Route 240 may attend either Rogers or Wood School dependent on enrollment numbers at each school. New families moving into the area between North St. and 195 will become part of Wood School. Kindergarten registration will be at Wood School and determination of final placement will be contingent upon class size at Rogers and Wood School. Families will be kept together.

2:3 It is intended that transportation routes be established to promulgate flexibility of enrollment as well as the balancing of enrollment among the three elementary schools.

2:4 Special enrollment in a non-neighborhood school shall be considered a privilege and is not automatically extended for the following year.

2:5 Parents of students with special enrollment permission shall assume all responsibility for transportation.

3:0 TRANSFERS FROM ONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO ANOTHER

- 3:1 If physical reasons are offered as a basis for a request for transfer from one elementary school to another, the parental request must be accompanied by a signed statement from a medical doctor which must state specifically, "In my opinion the denial of this request for transfer to _____ School will be injurious to the physical health of the child for the following reasons:....." It will be the responsibility of the parent to obtain such a statement from a physician in order for a transfer to be allowed for health reasons. It shall be the responsibility of the school principal to inform the parent of the necessity for securing such a statement.
- 3:2 If the emotional well-being of a child is offered as a basis for a request for transfer to a different school, a signed statement from a practicing psychiatrist or clinical psychologist must accompany the parent request and state specifically, "In my opinion, the denial of this request for a transfer to _____ School will seriously disturb the mental health of this child for the following reasons:....." It will be the responsibility of the parent to obtain such a statement from the proper source, and it will be the responsibility of the school principal to inform the parent of the necessity for securing such a statement when a transfer is requested.
- 3:3 All transfer requests for health reasons shall be referred to the Superintendent of Schools who shall make a recommendation for approval or disapproval to the School Committee.
- 3:4 Copies of letters received from parents and physicians will be furnished to the Superintendent and may be discussed at the regular meeting of the School Committee. However, to protect the child involved from notoriety and/or unfavorable publicity, the School Committee and parents may request an Executive Session of the School Committee with the press being given access to the result of the Executive Session without qualification of the reasons.

4:0 SPECIAL PERMISSION

- 4:1 Pupils moving outside the boundaries of the town of Fairhaven after the third marking period may be granted permission to complete the school year at the assigned school. The school principal may grant this permission as long as it is in the best interests of all parties. The Principal shall inform the parent/guardian after informing the Superintendent of Schools of his/her action.
- 4:2 Requests for transfer to another elementary school based upon association with friends, parental convenience, desire to attend a newer school facility, the desire to have a particular teacher at a particular grade level shall not be considered sufficient reasons for granting approval of transfers from school to school and shall be denied by the Superintendent.
- 4:3 All requests for approving school transfers for reasons of convenience of transportation or location of child's supervision services shall be granted by the Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee, only when it is deemed convenient to the school system, considering the balance of enrollment between the schools and providing that the transfer of the child from school to school does not constitute an inconvenience to the school requested by reasons of overcrowding, curtailment of services to present students, or by creating an environment which would contribute to poor educational practice.

- 4:4 Special enrollment permission will be granted on a yearly basis only. Special enrollment in a non-neighborhood school shall be considered a privilege and is not automatically extended for the following year. Parents of students with special enrollment permission shall assume all responsibility for transportation. Parents/guardians must reapply yearly in June. They will be notified by the requested building principal in mid to late August.
- 4:5 In the event that the class in the school selected has an enrollment at a level considered to be approaching or at the upper limit allowable in light of good educational practice, initial entrance and continued enrollment may be denied.
- 4:6 If for reasons of health or welfare, a child is transferred to a school other than the one which he/she presently attends and if such transfer is at the request of the school system, the cost of any required transportation shall be borne by the Fairhaven Public Schools.
- 4:7 If the residence of a child is on the property for which taxes are paid both in Fairhaven and a neighboring town, the child will be allowed to go to the Fairhaven Public Schools, tuition free, as long as the larger portion of the domicile is situated in the town limits of the Town of Fairhaven.

5:0 ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN OF NON-RESIDENT STAFF

- 5:5 Children of non-resident staff members will be allowed enrollment in the Fairhaven Public Schools without parental payment of tuition and will be allowed enrollment in the school of their choice on the same basis as a resident child, for whom parental transportation must be provided. No implied enrollment shall be guaranteed within the school to which the parent is assigned. In case of overcrowding, first preference will be given to resident children. After initial enrollment, continued enrollment in the same school location shall be on the condition of space availability and extraordinary services with preference given to enrollment of resident children in the particular grade level.

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