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STUDENT ASSIGNMENT (In-County/Out-of-County)

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The School Board shall establish residential attendance zones for each school. All students, unless otherwise provided by School Board rule or authorized by the School Board's order, shall attend the school serving the student's residential attendance zone. A student's residence is the residence of his/her parent(s), legal guardian, legal custodian or other such person as defined by any order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction of the state of Florida and by as defined by Florida Statutes. Any student residing in the School District shall be assigned to a school for attendance by the Superintendent or designee. Students may request placement in a school outside their attendance area on the basis of space availability in each program/grade. The School district is not obligated to provide transportation.

1. No student shall be permitted to transfer, enroll, or be admitted to a school when he/she has been expelled or suspended from another school district. This prohibition shall be effective for the period of time in which the student was expelled or suspended from another district. Such students shall be accorded the same appeals procedure which is available to District students.
2. A student may be permitted to attend a school in another residential attendance zone pursuant to the following procedures of the School Controlled Open Enrollment Plan adopted by the School Board listed below:
 - (a) Parents must request reassignment following published timelines if they desire reassignment to any school other than their assigned school.
 - (b) An Appeals committee will be appointed by the Superintendent. It will hear protests and requests for reassignment.
 - (c) Once a child attends an out-of-zone school, preference for continued attendance will be given to that student and their younger brothers and sisters.
 - (d) Parents participating in the controlled school choice program must provide their own transportation to the school of their choice.
 - (e) Out of county transfers may apply for their school of choice and will be placed in their school of choice in accordance with the procedures set forth in Policy 5.201 Student Out of Zone Transfers/CHOICE following the placement of the Washington County Residents who have priority.

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- (f) In implementing the school choice initiative, no school will be out of compliance with federal desegregation orders.
 - (g) Students in the Exceptional Education Program will be placed in the best interest educationally for the child and where the programming for that specific disability is being housed.
3. Any student whose legal residence is outside the boundaries of the county may be enrolled in a District school under the provisions of Florida Statutes and the *Controlled Open Enrollment Plan*. The assigned school for an out-of-district student shall be designated on the basis of space available. Such transfers shall be on a nondiscriminatory basis and shall not result in reducing desegregation in either school district or in reinforcing the dual school system.
 4. A student who has been attending, in the year prior to the designation, a public school that has been classified as performance grade category “F” or has earned three (3) consecutive grades of “D” or a student who is assigned to a public school that has been designated as performance grade category “F” or has earned three (3) consecutive grades of “D” may attend a higher performing public school in the District or a school in another district as allowed by law.

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