ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER OF STUDENTS TO A SCHOOL

A. PURPOSE

To provide policy to guide the assignment of students to a school within Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

B. ISSUE

Anne Arundel County Public Schools is responsible for the assignment and transfer of students to a designated school. This policy establishes the authority and responsibility governing those assignments.

C. POSITION

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) values students attending schools within their communities. The Board is committed to establishing a public school system that educates the students of Anne Arundel County and promotes the general welfare of Anne Arundel County. Students must attend the school designated to serve the attendance area of their bona fide residence.

1. Exceptions to the placement of students according to attendance areas may be made as follows and in accordance with applicable regulations:

   a. With Board approval, the Superintendent may transfer groups of students outside their normal attendance area to relieve overcrowding or to ensure an equitable distribution of students among available facilities.

   b. The Superintendent may temporarily transfer groups of students to other school facilities during school construction or renovation. However, any redistricting of school boundaries will be in accordance with Policy JAA – Redistricting and Attendance Areas.

   c. The Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee may authorize special placement for individual students whose particular circumstances or needs warrant it.
d. The Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee may assign students to schools outside their designated attendance areas for programmatic reasons, childcare with a documented hardship, on the basis of a professional recommendation, or because the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) is moving into or out of a district. Students assigned for programmatic reasons shall be allowed to remain in the schools as long as they meet the requirements of the program.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

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

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Note Previous Policy History: Replaces Policy 900.01, adopted on 05/20/91 and revised 06/04/03, and 02/06/08. Rescinds Policy 900.02, adopted 06/05/02 and revised 01/22/03