

## DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AREAS

It is the goal of Bainbridge Island School District to maintain stable school attendance areas and minimize involuntary school transfers. Students in the district shall attend the school designated for the geographic attendance area in which he or she resides. However, the attendance area may vary from year to year and/or for each grade level. Concerted efforts will be made to minimize student moves between schools by determining teacher assignments based on the projected enrollment for each grade level at each school and by carefully reviewing all requests for specific school assignment submitted by parents (see Policy 3131).

In an effort to maintain equitable class loads and to permit the various elementary schools of the district to maintain classroom space for art, music, Title I/LAP services, programs for students with disabilities, and other specialized services offered students, the Bainbridge Island School District authorizes the use of flexible boundary lines for each elementary school in the district.

The district will inform parents and interested citizens, through the use of parent bulletins, newspaper, and real estate sales office contacts, about the use and necessity of flexible boundary lines. An explanation of flexible boundaries shall be distributed with yearly spot maps.

Notification of school assignments shall be electronically mailed to parents of returning students on or before July 1. Families of students who may be impacted by a potential change of school assignment will be notified by phone or mail. Building principals will be available mid-August to review school assignment concerns with parent(s). For those students affected by school transfers, principals will establish a time when students and their parents may visit the new school prior to the first day of school.

Careful consideration shall be given to parent, counselor, and/or teacher recommendations regarding possible adjustment problems of individual students experiencing multiple transfers. This decision will be made by the school district administration after carefully considering all relevant information.

Request for specific school assignment may be submitted for consideration according to Policy and Procedure 3131.

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Cross References: Board Policy 2210 Grade Organization  
3131 District Attendance Area Transfers

Legal References: RCW 28A.320.040 Bylaws for board and school government