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### STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

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Any pupil residing in the School District of Santa Rosa County shall be assigned to the school he or she will attend by the School Board in accordance with the Board's plan of desegregation adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and by authority of the School Board to make pupil assignments based on publicly approved attendance zones for each school. Each attendance zone shall be established to achieve maximum utilization of all School Board facilities and to consider the time and distance of travel for students. The instructional capacity for each school will be set yearly by the School Board after the recommendation by the Superintendent or his/her designee ("Instructional Capacity"). For the purposes of this policy, Enrollment Capacity is defined as ten percent less than the Instructional Capacity.

- I. Reassignment or transfer may be requested by the custodial parent(s), the court-awarded guardian(s), or an adult who has power of attorney from a custodial parent(s) or a court-awarded guardian(s) through submission of a "Reassignment Form." Each request will be considered by the School Board.
- II. Procedures for reassignment shall be detailed in the Santa Rosa County School District *Controlled Open Enrollment Plan* adopted by the School Board.
  - 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~~ to 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~~ will provide their own transportation to the school of their choice. The District will provide parents with Information on transportation options available within the community. Parents will be provided information on transportation options available for students attending their school of choice pursuant to 1002.38, 1002.39 or 1002.394 and including within the community, as well as the funds available for transportation pursuant to ss. 1002.394, 1002.395 and 1011.68.
  - 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

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in Policy 5.141 Student Out of Zone Transfers/CHOICE following the placement of the Santa Rosa County Residents who have priority.

- 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.
- III. School assignments for students with disabilities will be determined by the Individual Education Plan.
- IV. A student whose legal residence is outside the boundaries of Santa Rosa 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.
- V. Appropriate exceptions and accommodations will be made to minimize the barriers related to student assignment for students identified as eligible for services through the Florida Department of Children and Family Services or Section 722 (d)(2) of the Stewart B. McKinney-Bruce Vento [Homeless Education Program Manual](#).
- VI. Students qualifying for the [McKay Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities \(FES-UA\)](#) Program for Students with Disabilities will receive requested reassignment to another Santa Rosa school or to a public school in an adjacent school district.
- VII. 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.

### STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

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