

The primary considerations that govern the establishment of a school attendance area are school capacity and transportation considerations. Generally, students will be required to attend school in the attendance area in which they reside, unless the Superintendent has granted special permission. Attendance areas for the various elementary schools of the town will be drawn up by the Superintendent and approved by the School Committee.

Superintendent permission may be granted for the following reasons:

1. If the change involves a hardship case or if there are medical considerations.
2. If the change appears to be in the interests of the child, of the schools, or for disciplinary and administrative reasons.
3. If the legal residence of a child changes from one attendance area to another during the school year and the parents/guardians wish the child to remain in his former school; permission will not extend beyond the current school year.
5. For the 2020-2021 school year, if a student chooses to return from Remote Learning Academy (RLA) to the hybrid learning model and space does not currently exist within their attendance area school. This will be a temporary assignment through the end of this school year only.

School bus transportation will not be provided for students attending schools outside their attendance area unless they can be accommodated on existing bus routes and schedules, the placement has been made pursuant to the student's 504 Plan or IEP or unless specific permission is granted by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent is authorized to make exceptions to attendance lines for individual students in the best interests of the student and/or the school.

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NOTE: The cross reference is to a related category in the NEPN classification system.