

Policy 5116: School Attendance Boundaries

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The Governing Board shall establish school attendance boundaries in order to maximize the efficient use of district facilities and effective administration of district schools. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review school attendance boundaries and, as necessary, make recommendations to the Board for boundary adjustments.

When reviewing school attendance boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the following factors:

1. School enrollment data, including declining enrollment patterns
2. Facility capacity and design, including potential commercial and residential developments
3. School feeder patterns, including maintaining, to the extent practicable, continuity of student attendance
4. Federal, state, or court mandates
5. Community input
6. Student safety
7. Transportation capacity
8. Community and neighborhood identity
9. Geographic features of the district, including traffic patterns
10. Educational programs, such as magnet schools and charter schools
11. Consistency between municipal boundaries and high school boundaries
12. Other factors

Students residing in a community facilities district shall have priority, to the extent provided by law, for attendance at schools financed in whole or in part by the community facilities district. The degree of priority must reflect the proportion of each school's financing provided through the community facilities district. (Government Code 53312.7)

In order to alleviate overcrowding, the Superintendent or designee may place some students in a school outside of their attendance area. Parents/guardians of students who are attending schools outside of their attendance area shall be notified of the school their child will be attending as soon as possible. If available, transportation shall be provided for such students.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
CA Constitution Article I, Section 31	Discrimination based on race, sex, color, ethnicity
Ed. Code 35160	Authority of governing boards
Ed. Code 35160.1	Broad authority of school districts
Ed. Code 35160.5	District policies; rules and regulations
Ed. Code 35291-35291.5	Rules
Ed. Code 35350	Transportation of students
Ed. Code 35351	Assignment of students to particular schools
Gov. Code 53311-53317.5	Establishment of community facilities district
Management Resources	
Court Decision	Crawford v. Board of Education (1976) 17 Cal.3d 280
Court Decision	Crawford v. Huntington Beach Union High School District (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1275
Court Decision	Jackson v. Pasadena City School District (1963) 59 Cal.2d 876
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Education

Cross References

Code	Description
5111.1	District Residency
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5112.2	Exclusions From Attendance
5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
5117	Interdistrict Attendance
5117	Interdistrict Attendance
7212	Mello-Roos Districts