

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS

Elementary and Middle School students will be required to attend school in the attendance area in which they reside.

For elementary schools, the attendance areas are as follows:

Ashby	Ashby Elementary School
Townsend	Spaulding Memorial School
Pepperell	Varnum Brook Elementary School

For middle schools, the attendance areas are as follows:

Ashby	Hawthorne Brook Middle School
Townsend	Hawthorne Brook Middle School
Pepperell	Nissitissit Middle School

Exceptions are as follows:

1. When a student is placed in an intradistrict special education program located outside his/her attendance area, the student's sibling(s) shall be able to attend the same school provided there is overlap. Requests must be made directly to and approved by the superintendent of schools.
2. If the legal residence of a child changes from one attendance area (within the district) 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.
3. Children of staff members who reside in the district will be permitted to attend the school where their parent is employed. This does not apply to substitute roles. The student would then be able to continue on in that attendance area.
4. In order to maintain a sound educational program with reasonable class sizes for the best economic advantage of member towns, the Superintendent of Schools may with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the entire school committee, reassign pupils between elementary and middle school facilities. The parents/guardians of the pupils considered for such an assignment shall be notified in advance in writing by the Superintendent of Schools. Once a pupil has been placed in a particular facility, the pupil shall remain at the facility through the grades available in the facility as long as the population of that facility remains within acceptable limits.
5. A documented reason (i.e. medical, legal, etc.)

School bus transportation will not be provided for students attending schools outside their attendance area unless they are enrolled in a special education program or a student's attendance area is adjusted by the district.

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