

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of April 9, 2014

April 8, 2014

Valtena G. Brown, Chief Operating Officer
School Operations

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY: INITIAL
READING 5120, ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

In order to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, attendance zone recommendations must be submitted to the School Board. Accordingly, copies of the documents, *Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions 2014-2015*, and *Attendance Zones Previously Approved by the Board 2013-2014*, will be forwarded to the School Board members under separate cover and will be on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, at the School Board Administration Building, 1450 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Florida. Additionally, these documents are available online at:

http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/031914/Attendance_Zone_Recommendations_and_Related_Administrative_Actions_2014-2015.pdf

http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/031914/Attendance_Areas_Previously_Approved_2013-2014_Manual.pdf

In developing these recommendations, consideration was given to those factors affecting attendance zone changes: compliance with Class Size Reduction Mandate; impact on exceptional student education programs; use of available student stations within contiguous areas; degree and extent of transportation; programmatic impact due to lack of student housing; reduction of the number of schools students must attend; integrity of feeder systems; assignment of students from new residential developments to specific schools prior to completion of developments; construction of new schools; promotion and maintenance of diverse school enrollments; and prevention, reduction or elimination of racial isolation to the extent practicable.

Attached is the Notice of Intended Action and the policy proposed for amendment. Changes from the current policy are indicated by underlining words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DATE: 11/17/2011

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District.

VGB:mf

CHARTER

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on April 9, 2014, its intention to amend Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District, at its meeting of May 14, 2014.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To establish attendance zones for elementary and secondary schools for the 2014-2015 school year, which, in effect, better utilize existing student stations.

SUMMARY: Board approval of this policy would support previously approved attendance zones and subsequently establishes all Board-approved attendance zones as a Board policy.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 1001.41(1) (2); 1001.42(25); 1001.43(10) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 1000.05; 1001.41; 1002.20; 1002.31; 1003.06, F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING of May 14, 2014, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Administration Building, School Board Auditorium, 1450 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by May 5, 2014, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED POLICY is available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Dr. Marcos M. Moran
Supervisor: Mrs. Valtena G. Brown
Date: March 19, 2014

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ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT

2 The assignment of students to District schools shall be consistent with the best
3 interests of students and the best use of District resources.

4 **Attendance Areas ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015**

5 The Superintendent is responsible for proposing attendance areas for District
6 schools. The Superintendent will be assisted in this task by the District/School
7 Operations, the Office of School Facilities, and the Attendance Boundary
8 Committee.

9 To comply with the mandate of class size reduction, the Office of School Facilities
10 and District/School Operations will provide the Attendance Boundary Committee
11 and the community with proposed attendance boundary changes for schools in
12 ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015. Community input on these boundary changes will be
13 solicited at regional community meetings. Individuals who wish to present
14 alternate recommendations will be assisted by region staff. Any alternate proposals
15 must be reviewed through the same process as the Superintendent's proposals.
16 Community and Attendance Boundary Committee meetings will be held to present
17 the attendance boundaries established for ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015.

18 The Attendance Boundary Committee will take the following factors into
19 consideration when reviewing proposed attendance areas regarding school
20 boundaries: compliance with class size reduction mandate, impact on special
21 education programs, use of available student stations within contiguous areas,
22 degree and extent of transportation, programmatic impact due to lack of student
23 housing, reduction of the number of schools students must attend, integrity of
24 feeder systems, assignment of students from new residential developments to
25 specific schools prior to completion of developments, construction of new schools,
26 promotion and maintenance of diverse school enrollments, and prevention,
27 reduction or elimination of racial isolation to the extent practicable.

28 Staff in District/School Operations, Office of School Facilities, Information
29 Technology Services, Department of Transportation, Research Services, Office of
30 Diversity Compliance, and Office of Intergovernmental Affairs & Grants
31 Administration and Community Services Engagement, will assist the
32 Superintendent in providing data, analyze proposed attendance areas, and prepare
33 recommendations for submission to the School Board.

1 The Board-approved school attendance zones for the current school year are
2 contained in the following documents:

3 A. Attendance Zones Previously approved by the Board - ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015;

4 B. Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions -
5 ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015.

6 Copies of these documents are incorporated by reference in this policy and made a
7 part hereof. They are on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and in the
8 Citizen Information Center.

9 No assignment to schools or attendance schedules shall discriminate against
10 students on the basis of gender, race, religion, disability, national origin, sex, color,
11 ethnic or national origin, marital status, genetic information, age, political beliefs,
12 sexual orientation, gender identification, social and family background, linguistic
13 preference, medical reason, pregnancy, childbirth, medical condition to pregnancy,
14 handicap, handicap against a student or employee, and any other legally prohibited
15 basis. } Added

16 The parent of siblings who are assigned to the same grade level and school may
17 request that the school place the siblings in the same classroom or in separate
18 classrooms. This request must be made no later than five (5) days before the first
19 day of school each school year or five (5) days after the first day of attendance of the
20 students if the students are enrolled in school after the school year commences.
21 The school is not required to meet the request if there is factual evidence indicating
22 a specific placement is better for the student than that requested by the parent.

23 The Superintendent may assign a student to a school other than that designated by
24 the attendance area when such exception is justified by circumstances and is in the
25 best interest of the student.

26 Every effort shall be made to continue a student in the elementary school to which
27 s/he is initially assigned.

28 Wherever possible and advisable in the interests of the students, siblings shall be
29 assigned to the same building.

30 The Superintendent shall assign incoming transfer students to such schools,
31 grades, and classes as may afford each student the greatest likelihood of realizing
32 fullest educational potential.

33 The principal shall assign students in his/her school to appropriate grades, classes,
34 or groups. This action shall be based on consideration of the needs of the student
35 as well as the administration of the school.

1 **Request for ~~Out-Of-Area Assignment~~ Student Transfers**

2 A student may be permitted to attend a school other than the school serving the
3 parents' residential area as stipulated in Policy 5131.

4 **Nonresident Students**

5 Students who are not residents of Miami-Dade County may attend the District as
6 stipulated in Policy 5131.

7 F.S. 1000.05, 1001.41, 1002.20, 1002.31, 1003.06

8 Revised 6/15/11

9 Revised 7/18/12

10 Revised 4/17/13

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