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5.02 - Student Assignment

POLICY:

1. The Board shall provide thirteen (13) consecutive years of instruction beginning with kindergarten and shall also provide such instruction for exceptional students as may be required by law. (1000.21) Students who have attained the age of majority and apply for initial admission to the district high school may be referred for enrollment to the appropriate adult program.
2. Each pupil in the Levy County District is assigned to a school attendance zone by the Board, based upon the Superintendent's recommendation. Each residential 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. Any student residing in the School District shall be assigned to a school for attendance by the Superintendent or designee based upon the Controlled School Choice Program. If assignment out of the attendance area is desired, a request in writing must be submitted to the Superintendent for his/her approval. Transportation to and from school so requested must be furnished by the parent or guardian. The Superintendent may assign a student to any school or educational program if it is deemed in the best interest of that student or the school district.
3. The obligation of the Board shall not exceed the limits of this rule.
4. An individual who is eighteen (18) years of age desiring to enroll or reenroll in the school system and who is not currently within one (1) year of meeting graduation requirements will be assigned to the Adult Education Program by the Board. Individuals who are 19 years of age or older will be assigned to Adult Education. However, the Board may be petitioned by the student or his/her parent for placement in the school system on probationary status. This is not applicable to students in Exceptional Education.
5. To enroll a student in school, the person enrolling the child must:
 - a. Be a custodial parent; or
 - b. Have a certified copy of a court order naming the person as guardian or giving the person custody of the child:
6. The Superintendent may consider a power of attorney on a temporary basis in extenuating circumstances after investigating the circumstances of the request.

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7. Where a student has attained the age of eighteen (18) years and no longer resides with or receives support from his/her parents or guardian, any requirements that the parents or guardian be notified concerning any matter relating to the student shall not apply, and, in lieu of such requirements, due written notice shall be given directly to the student. A student in this category shall be personally responsible to the school for his/her conduct and shall make all decisions relating to his/her affairs in relationship to the school except where the student is enrolled in the Exceptional Student Education Program as an intellectually disabled student or has been declared mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction.
8. The Levy County School District is dedicated to ensuring that all students will choose a learning path that leads to a well-rounded graduate who demonstrates good character and leadership. To that end, every school in the district offers high quality educational options for students. Students originally are assigned to the school in the attendance zone of their permanent residence, but the District also provides a number of opportunities for parents to select other options for their children in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Student Assignment, Enrollment and Choice Plan. Options include:
 - Programs of Emphasis/ Career Academies
 - Controlled Open Enrollment Choice Options
 - Hardship Transfers
 - The John M. McKay Scholarship Program for private or public school
 - The Opportunity Scholarship Program
 - Family Empowerment Scholarship
 - Virtual School Programs
 - Home School
 - Charter Schools

The Levy County School District Board approved Student Assignment, Enrollment and Choice Plan can be found on the District website. Parents participating in the controlled school choice program will provide their own transportation. 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. In implementing the school choice initiative, no school will be out of compliance with federal desegregation orders.

9. Any out-of-county student requesting to attend school in Levy County must be recommended by the Principal/Superintendent.
After initial approval, a student may continue to attend a Levy County school provided the student remains in good standing at that school.

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However, any change in good standing status may result in the Superintendent revoking that student(s) privilege to attend a Levy County school. Students exhibiting disciplinary problems may have attendance privileges revoked immediately. Other considerations for continued attendance for following years (i.e., overcrowding of classes) shall be determined at the end of each current school year.

Out-of-county students may ride Levy County school buses provided the student boards at the nearest approved bus stop and the bus is not overcrowded.

The Superintendent shall have the authority to release a Levy County resident student to another district.

10. No student shall be permitted to transfer, enroll, or be admitted to a school when he/she has been expelled without services from another school district. This prohibition shall be effective for the period of time in which the student was expelled from another district. Such students shall be accorded the same appeals procedure which is available to District students. However, under §1006.07, F.S., the Superintendent may recommend to the School Board that the other school district's final order of expulsion be waived and the student be admitted. The School Board shall make the final decision.
11. 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.

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