Policy No. 5120

Policy Title: Assignment within District

Justification:

Eliminate inconsistencies inherent in having three Area Superintendents approve requests for out-of-area assignments and create a central data center for all out-of-area information.

Summary of Proposed Policy Revisions:

Revise the party responsible for approving requests out-of-area assignments from the (three) Area Superintendents to the Director of School Choice.

Specific Authority: F.S. 1002.31

Law Implemented, Interpreted or Made Specific: N/A

Estimate of Economic Impact of Rule: None
5120 - ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT

The Board directs that the assignment of students to schools within this District be consistent with the best interests of students and the best use of the resources of this District.

The Board shall determine annually the school attendance areas of the District and shall expect the students within each area to attend the school so designated.

The Superintendent shall periodically review existing attendance areas and recommend to the Board such changes as may be justified by:

A. considerations of safe student transportation and travel;

B. convenience of access to schools;

C. financial and administrative efficiency;

D. the effectiveness of the instructional program;

E. a wholesome and educationally sound balance of student populations.

No assignment to schools or attendance schedules shall discriminate against students on the basis of gender, race, religion, disability, or national origin.

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

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

Assistance to Transitioning Students from Military Families

Students of military families may be faced with numerous transitions during their school years. The District, in compliance with Florida law, will promote practices which assist the transition of these students, develop and implement a memorandum of agreement between the District and the local military installation, and provide first preference for admission to special academic programs for students who meet the eligibility requirements of the program.
Request For Out-Of-Area Assignment

A student may be permitted to attend a school other than the school serving the parents' residential area by completing a Request for Out-of-Area Assignment Form and submitting the form for the approval or disapproval of the Area Superintendent Director of School Choice who shall take into consideration in making the decision criteria, including but not limited to, the following:

A. severe health problems
B. small school status
C. racial integrity
D. overcrowding
E. acceptance of responsibility for transportation, good attendance, and acceptable behavior
F. programs availability
G. other hardships

Nonresident Students

Students who are not residents of Brevard County may attend the District upon compliance with Florida laws governing admission of students to the schools of the State. Such students may be assigned to schools by the Superintendent.

Approval of an out of area assignment and/or approval for non-resident students must also meet the criteria for out of area approval noted in Policy 7120.

An out of area assignment may be revoked for the following reasons:

A. Poor attendance, behavior or grades of the student.
B. Excessive tardies or late pick-up after school of the student.
C. The approval of a student to attend a school other than his/her zoned school of attendance for the purpose of attending a choice school or program is valid for as long as the student participates in the choice school/program. A student must return to his/her zoned school of attendance at the end of the semester if s/he no longer participates in the choice school or program.
Approval of the Area Superintendent Director of School Choice where the out of area school is located is necessary for the out of area to be revoked.

The Superintendent shall develop and update as needed administrative procedures to implement this policy.

F.S. 1000.05, 1001.41, 1002.20, 1002.31, 1003.05

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