

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

**POLICY 5117**

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS**

**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Students will be assigned to the various schools in accordance with the established sending area For each secondary school as delineated herein, or for elementary schools as on file in the Office of the Superintendent or designee.

Under certain conditions, the Board of Education may place restrictions limited the assignment of students to a particular school or schools.

**SPECIFIC GUIDELINES, EXCEPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

**High School and Middle School Boundaries**

The assignment of students will use a boundary line extending south along the New Jersey Turnpike from the north boundary of the township to the Haddonfield-Berlin Road, west along the Haddonfield-Berlin Road to Brace Road and then southwest to the Cooper River. Students residing east and south of this line shall attend High School East and Beck Middle School; students residing west and north of this line shall attend High School West and Carusi Middle School.

1. High School
  - a. Unless students apply to attend high school under Policy 5117.1, Secondary Open Enrollment, and are accepted, they will be assigned to East and West based on the boundary guidelines in Policy 5117.
  - b. Beginning in the year 2000, unrestricted open enrollment will be available only to students entering in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Any student in grades 8-11 may opt to matriculate into International Baccalaureate related programs. Students new to the district in grades 9-12 may opt for open enrollment placement.
  - c. The window of opportunity for high school selection will be from the first full week of February through the first full week of March
2. Rosa International Middle School
  - a. Unless students apply to attend the Rosa International Middle School under Policy 5117.1:Secondary Open Enrollment and are accepted, they will be assigned to Beck and Carusi based on the boundary guidelines in Policy 5117.

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- b. The open enrollment period for the Rosa International Middle School shall be the last two full weeks of February.
3. Students assigned to High School West are permitted to take German at High School East with transportation provided. Students assigned to High School East are permitted to take Italian at High School West with transportation provided.
4. As of October 1, 2000 students who attend a high school whose families move from that school attendance area to another school attendance area in Cherry Hill, will have the option of remaining in their placement with transportation.

### **Elementary**

Students who attend any elementary school and whose families move from the school attendance area after the school year begins to another school attendance area in Cherry Hill, will have the option of remaining in their placement for the duration of the school year. The following school year, the students shall attend the elementary school within the school attendance area in which they reside.

Each year the school administration will indicate which elementary school(s) will have a temporary freeze on open enrollment transfers into those schools that are experiencing a significant increase in enrollment. This information will be communicated to the public. A “cap” shall be placed on the number of open enrollment transfers in the remaining elementary schools based on the number of students in each grade level and leaving seven (7) growth spaces below the Board established class size parameters (Procedure C-6) at each grade level to allow for any increases in enrollment within the school’s regularly assigned areas.

1. Students who are registered and attended an elementary school under open enrollment as of June 30, 1996, may remain in that school until the completion of grade five (5).
2. As of July 1, 1996 all students who attend an elementary school under the open enrollment policy will be required to reapply for open enrollment by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Parents/Guardians will receive a letter from the Attendance Office notifying them of this requirement not later than May 1. A decision regarding open enrollment will be made during the month of August based upon the enrollment figures.

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3. Students attending an elementary school under the open enrollment policy after July 1, 1996, may remain in the school under open enrollment unless their presence causes a split at the grade level, based on Board established class size parameters. If their presence causes a split, all open enrollment students (except those under 1 above) at the grade level will be returned to the home school, unless their return causes a split at the home school, in which case the students can remain in their transferred school. However, students transferred under open enrollment may remain in the transferred school for the full year.
4. All students attending an elementary school under open enrollment will be assigned to the middle school and high school based on this policy's guidelines for high school and middle school boundaries unless they apply and are accepted for open enrollment under Policy 5117.1.
5. In those schools where an additional student at a grade level would cause a split (exceeding parameters) the new enrollee will be assigned to the closest elementary school where space is available. In the case of multiple children, from the same family, the children in the family can ALL elect to attend the neighboring school. Transportation shall be provided, in accordance with district policy. As of September 1, 1998, those students affected by this policy may choose to return to their neighborhood schools upon notification to the Central Registration office by June 1.

Students attending schools as transfers under open enrollment will not receive district transportation.

#### Related Procedure C-3: Class Size Parameters

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