

The Asheboro City Board of Education believes that in almost all cases the child should attend the school that serves his/her domicile. There are situations in which the superintendent or designee shall approve of an admission to the district from a different school system, release a student from the district to attend a different school system, or approve for a student to attend a school within the district other than the one the student is domiciled to attend. The superintendent or designee shall approve or deny requests for Discretionary School Assignment for students who do not meet the domicile or residence requirements outlined in policy 4120, Domicile or Residence Requirements. Applications from residents of the school system will be given consideration before others. Requests may be granted for up to one full school year. An application for Discretionary School Assignment must be submitted each subsequent school year in which Discretionary School Assignment is desired.

A. CRITERIA FOR DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT

The parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian must make a written application to the office of the superintendent for Discretionary School Assignment. Such an application must be submitted by June 1. A decision will be made and notice mailed by June 30. In instances where there are extraordinary, compelling and specific circumstances that make the June 1 deadline impossible to comply with, the superintendent or designee may accept the application after June 1. In such cases, a decision will be made and notice mailed within 20 working days. A non-domiciled student may be admitted, at the discretion of the superintendent, or designee, under the following conditions.

1. One of the following criteria are met:

a. Employee of a Public School System

A student whose parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian is a permanent employee of the Asheboro City Schools may be admitted.

b. Change of Domicile

A student whose parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian plan to move within 90 days after the beginning of the school year may be assigned at the beginning of the school year to the school serving the student's new domicile. A student who changes his/her domicile during the course of the school year may be admitted to the school previously attended for the remainder of the school year. However, the student will be assigned according to the area in which they live at the beginning of the next school year. A student who changes his/her domicile during or after the completion of the 11th grade may be admitted for the 12th grade to the school serving his/her prior domicile.

c. Hardship

A student may be admitted because of undue hardship, or extraordinary, compelling, specific circumstances.

d. Special Curricular Needs

A student who is unable to obtain specially needed courses or programs in their regularly assigned school may be admitted to the Asheboro City Schools.

e. School Utilization

A student may be admitted when it would provide for the more orderly and efficient administration and operation of the schools in the district.

2. The superintendent or designee has determined that space is available in the school district and in the particular school or program in which the student seeks to enroll.
3. The student must demonstrate that he or she was in good standing in the previous school attended by that student, in terms of academics, discipline, attendance, and other measures of standing and progress in the school district. The student also must satisfy the requirements in policy 4115, Behavior Standards for Transfer Students.
4. With the initial application, the student must furnish a transcript and other student record data, including evidence of compliance with the North Carolina immunization requirements.
5. If the student is transferring from another school district in North Carolina, the student must submit a release approved by the board of education of the other school district from which the transfer is being made.
6. The student resides with his/her parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian.

B. INTER-DISTRICT AGREEMENT

In full compliance with North Carolina General Statutes 115C-366 and 366.1:

The Asheboro City Schools shall not accept a non-domiciliary student, who is not otherwise entitled to enroll, from another public school system in North Carolina unless

the student presents a release of assignment from the public school system in which he/she is domiciled. If the release is accepted by the superintendent, subject to the standards established in policy 4130, this release and acceptance shall serve as the agreement between the two school systems. The release and acceptance shall be filed in the office of the superintendent and shall serve as the official records of the board. A copy of the acceptance will be sent to the school system in which the student is domiciled in order to complete that district's official records of agreement between the two boards.

C. ATHLETICS

Athletics or participation in athletics is not a lawful reason for admission, reassignment, or release.

D. CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION

Any admission granted pursuant to this policy will be for one school year and a written application for renewal must be made annually during the application period of March 1- June 1.

The superintendent may issue administrative regulations necessary for the implementation of this policy.

Non-domiciled students who are admitted based upon false or misleading information on their application will have their release voided and rescinded immediately.

Non-domiciled students who are admitted to Asheboro City Schools are responsible for their own transportation.

Non-domiciled students who are admitted to Asheboro City Schools must be in good standing in terms of academic performance, discipline, attendance, and other measures of good standing and progress in the school district. The student must also satisfy the requirements of policy 4115, Behavior Standards for Transfer Students.

E. APPEAL OF DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT DECISIONS

A decision of the superintendent's designee may be appealed to the superintendent. An appeal to the superintendent must be received in writing no later than five working days following receipt of the decision of the superintendent's designee. The superintendent will review the appeal and make a written determination within 30 days of receiving the appeal.

A final decision regarding Discretionary School Assignment may be appealed to the board of education. An appeal to the board of education must be received in writing no later than

five working days following receipt of the decision of the superintendent. The board or a panel of the board will hear the appeal. If a panel hears the appeal, the panel's recommendation will be submitted to the full board for a final determination. The board will make a written determination within 30 days of receiving the appeal.

Legal References: G.S. 7B art. 35; 35A, art. 6; 50-13.1 to 13.3; 115C-47(68), -231, -364 to -366.1

Cross References: Student and Parent Grievance Procedure (policy 1740/4010), School Assignment (policy 4150), Behavior Standards for Transfer Students (policy 4115), Domicile or Residence Requirements (policy 4120)

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