

POLICY

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1. A parent/guardian may request ~~to a~~ transfer, utilizing the online transfer request forms as shown on forms provided on the District website. This transfer request is for children in grades one through eight from the elementary or middle school students who have not been placed via the District's Intentional Integration Plan (II) in which they are enrolled to another school. No more than one transfer request per student per year will be accepted.
2. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with the principals of the attending and requested schools. Provided space is available in the building and grade of the requested school (while reserving space to allow flexibility to respond to needs as they arise such as newly identified special needs or ELL students), the factors the Superintendent or designee shall consider in whether to grant the transfer request are as follows:
 - a. The impact of student transfers on the District's integration initiative; and
 - b. Whether a sibling attends the requested school; and
 - c. Whether there are space constraints in the building and grade of the sending school; and
 - d. Whether the applicant has family hardship needs, which shall be reviewed on a case by case basis. Hardship does not include childcare needs, transportation, work hours, and peer group placement.

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Change of Legal Residence During the School Year

Students (including kindergarteners placed in an elementary school due to sibling preference) who change legal residence during the school year within the South Orange and Maplewood School District ~~may~~ must request a transfer if they wish to remain in their current school for the balance of the current school year, to the school they would have been assigned to based on their new address. Students in this category are not entitled to transportation regardless of the distance from home to school

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Students who do not put in such a request will automatically be placed in their designated school according to their address and space availability.

English Language Learner

Students who were enrolled in a school due to the English Language Learner program (ELL) and have completed the two-year monitoring after exiting the program, per NJ DOE requirements, may request a transfer to the school they would have been assigned to

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had they not been in the ELL program if they do not wish to remain at the school where ELL services are offered.

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Transportation
Refer to Policy 8600.

Seth Boyden Demonstration School

1. Parents/guardians of ~~students entering grade level students~~ **that are not placed via the District's Intentional Integration Plan one through five in the 2021-2022 school year** may request to "opt-in" to attend the Seth Boyden Demonstration School. ~~Parents/Guardians may choose to "opt-in" to Seth Boyden by utilizing the online transfer request forms as shown on the District website.~~ In reviewing such requests, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the following factors:

- a. The impact of student transfers on the district's integration initiative; and
- b. Whether a sibling attends the requested school;
- c. Whether there are space constraints in the building and grade of the sending school;
- d. Whether the student was placed in their current school by the District due to over-enrollment; and
- e. Whether the applicant has family hardship needs, which shall be reviewed on a case by case basis. Hardship does not include childcare needs, transportation, work hours, and peer group placement.

2. If, after applying the above factors, the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats in any grade, a grade by grade lottery will be held. Notification of acceptance to the Seth Boyden Demonstration School will be mailed by July 1st.

3. Students **who are placed via the District's Intentional Integration Plan entering kindergarten during or after the 2021-2022 school year** are not eligible to opt in to the Seth Boyden Demonstration School.

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Cross References: 5120, 8600

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