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The Board of Education directs the assignment of pupils to the schools, programs, and classes of this district consistent with the best interests of pupils and the best uses of the resources of this district.

Pupils shall generally attend the school located in the attendance area of their residence. The Superintendent may assign a pupil to a school other than that designated by the attendance area when such an exception is justified by circumstances and/or is in the best interests of the pupil. Every effort will be made to continue a pupil in the same elementary school **once the pupil has been enrolled in that elementary school.**

The Superintendent shall assign incoming transfer pupils to the school **in their attendance area of their residence provided the district's school or class size requirements can accommodate the pupil's enrollment.** The Building Principal may assign pupils in his/her school to grades, classes, and groups on the basis of the needs of the pupil as well as the sound administration of the school.

Pupils shall attend the school to which they are assigned. The Superintendent may assign a pupil to a school other than that designated by the attendance area when such an exception will help achieve a preferred balance in the pupil population of that school. Pupils living in certain districts must attend the school assigned to that district. Any pupil found attending a public school outside their designated school district will be transferred to the appropriate school. Exceptions may be made in the interest of pupils for medical reasons.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:36-38.a.(1), a parent of twins or higher order multiples enrolled in the same Kindergarten through eighth grade level at the same public school may request, in writing, the children be placed in the same classroom or in separate classrooms. The Principal shall make the classroom placement requested in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:36-38.a.(1).

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:36-38a.(2), a parent of twins or higher order multiples enrolled in the same ninth through twelfth grade level at the same public school may request, in writing, the children be placed in the same classroom or in separate classrooms. The placement of such children shall be made at the discretion of the Principal in the best interest of the school and its pupils. The parent may appeal the Principal's classroom placement decision to the Board of Education, which shall make a final determination on the placement.

The written request must be submitted to the Principal no later than fourteen days after the first day of each school year. Parents of twins or higher order multiples enrolling after the school year commences shall request the classroom placement in writing no later than fourteen days after the first day of attendance.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:36-38.(2)(b), a Principal may, after consultation with the pupils' parent and teachers at the end of the initial grading period, request the Board make a different classroom placement determination for the twins or higher order multiples if the initial classroom placement is determined to be disruptive to any of the pupils in the class or classes, or if the Principal concludes the initial placement does not sufficiently support the pupils' academic or social development. Upon receiving such request, the Board shall make a final classroom placement determination.



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“Higher order multiples” means triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, or larger group siblings born at one birth. Provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:36-38 do not apply to a school district which maintains only a single classroom for the grade level in which twins or higher order multiples are enrolled. The parent shall be responsible for any additional pupil transportation costs that are incurred by the district as a result of providing the requested classroom placement, unless the district is in agreement with the placement. In the event one of the twins or higher order multiples receives special education services, the requested placement shall not be accommodated if the placement is inconsistent with a pupil’s Individualized Education Plan.

School Transfers

If there is a change of address, the parent/guardian must notify the school office within ten (10) calendar days after moving to the new address. A transfer certificate will be issued, if necessary, and all official records will be forwarded to the new school. If the school district is not notified within the ten (10) calendar days of the move, a complaint may be filed in Municipal Court under N.J.S.A. 2C:20-8 seeking restitution for tuition.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-38

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