

## **Students**

### **School District Lines**

The Board of Education accepts its responsibility for establishing attendance zones in such a way as to facilitate the educational program. Advance planning for new sites and buildings will be guided by the following criteria in determining school district lines:

1. Educational needs of the students.
2. Proximity of students to school plants.
3. Safety of students.
4. Ages of students served.
5. Nature of the educational program housed.
6. Racial/ethnic balance.

The Board of Education also accepts the principle of "controlled free zoning" for school attendance as follows:

1. Students living in any given attendance area have first choice for school membership in that area whenever available space exists.
2. Where available space exists, students in other areas may apply for membership up to the limit of the rated capacity of the school plant.
3. Students choosing the option in (2) will provide their own transportation to the school and back home.
4. Students choosing the option in (2) will agree to stay a minimum of one year in their chosen school.

**Legal Reference:** Connecticut General Statutes

10-55 Pupils to attend regional school.

10-226a Pupils of racial minorities.

10-226b Existence of racial imbalance.

10-226c Plan to correct imbalance.

10-226d Approval of plan by state board.

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