Students BP 5116(a)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

The Governing Board shall establish school attendance boundaries in order to maximize the efficient use of district facilities and effective administration of district schools. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review school attendance boundaries and, as necessary, make recommendations to the Board for boundary adjustments.

When reviewing school attendance boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the following factors:

- 1. School enrollment data, including declining enrollment patterns
- 2. Facility capacity and design, including potential commercial and residential developments
- 3. School feeder patterns, including maintaining, to the extent practicable, continuity of student attendance
- 4. Federal, state, or court mandates
- 5. Community input
- 6. Student safety
- 7. Transportation capacity
- 8. Community and neighborhood identity
- 9. Geographic features of the district, including traffic patterns
- 10. Educational programs, such as magnet schools and charter schools
- 11. Consistency between municipal boundaries and high school boundaries
- 12. Other factors

Students residing in a community facilities district shall have priority, to the extent provided by law, for attendance at schools financed in whole or in part by the community facilities district. The degree of priority must reflect the proportion of each school's financing provided through the community facilities district.

In order to alleviate overcrowding, the Superintendent or designee may place some students in a school outside of their attendance area. Parents/guardians of students who are attending schools outside of their attendance area shall be notified of the school their child will be attending as soon as possible.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35291 Rules

35350 Transportation of students

35351 Assignment of students to particular schools

GOVERNMENT CODE

53311-53317.5 Establishment of community facilities district

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 31 Discrimination based on race, sex, color, ethnicity

COURT DECISIONS

Crawford v. Huntington Beach Union High School District (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1275

Crawford v. Board of Education (1976) 17 Cal.3d 280

Jackson v. Pasadena City School District (1963) 59 Cal.2d 876

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

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