

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 5116

Students

School Attendance Areas

It shall be the intention of the Board of Education to establish and maintain schools that are sufficient in number, size, mode of operations, and location to provide instructional services that are proximate and convenient to the pupils of the district. The Superintendent shall establish attendance areas by grade level within the district and, space permitting, students shall attend the school in the attendance area that serves the area in which the parent(s) or legal guardian resides. The legal residence of the parent(s) or legal guardian determines entrance into an elementary, middle, or high school.

The Board of Education shall regularly review school attendance boundaries, school capacities and enrollment data, geographic features, student safety, transportation, racial/ethnic balance and educational programs and community input.

The Board of Education intends to provide an equal educational opportunity for each student in the district as it relates to the availability of classroom space. The impact of pupil growth is a district-wide phenomenon and, although local attendance areas are established to maintain neighborhood schools, the housing resources of the district shall be equitably distributed between all pupils. Toward this end, it may be necessary to enroll students in schools outside their regular school attendance area in order to alleviate overcrowding. If available, transportation will be provided for such students.

Exceptions may be granted by the Superintendent or his/her designee upon request for an Intra-district Open Enrollment Agreement to attend another school in the district where space is available by the parent(s) or legal guardian as provided by the Intra-district Open Enrollment policy.

Legal References: Education Code
35160 Authority of Governing Board
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
29 Ops.Atty.Gen.63

Government Code

53312.7 Establishment of community facilities district; goals
and policies

Other

Jackson v. Pasadena City School District (1963) 59 Cal.2nd
876, 879

Crawford Board of Education (1976) 17 Cal.3d 280 AB 114