

# Kingsport City Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in September</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Attendance Zones</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>1.703</b>	Issued Date: <b>10/03/17</b>
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1 The Board of Education shall establish, within the city, geographical attendance zones to be served by  
2 each of the Kingsport City Schools.

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4 Students shall attend the grade- and age-appropriate school in the zone in which their parents or legal  
5 guardians reside. Submission of evidence establishing proof of residence shall be required upon initial  
6 enrollment or at other times to verify residency. The Superintendent is authorized to investigate circum-  
7 stances concerning a student's place of residence to determine the school assignment for any student.  
8 The Superintendent may assign homeless or residentially mobile students to a school in order to provide  
9 educational stability.

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11 The Superintendent may consider requests for zoning exceptions in accordance with the fol-  
12 lowing provisions (if space is not available, then these other conditions do not apply):

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14 No student shall be permitted to attend a school out of his/her zone unless space is available in the  
15 receiving school and one or more of the following conditions are met:

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17 Documented medical reasons strongly support the need for a student to attend a certain school.  
18 Medical reasons may be either physical or emotional.

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20 Child care services are provided in the desired zone and a demonstrated need exists to permit  
21 the zoning exception. Such needs include transportation of child, financial hardship of the  
22 parent/ guardian, etc.

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24 Parents/guardians expect to move into a different zone prior to the beginning of the second  
25 semester of school.

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27 A student completing the fourth (4th) grade in an elementary school or seventh (7th) grade in  
28 a middle school may continue in that school through the fifth (5th) grade or through the  
29 eighth (8th) grade respectively, pending a review of the student's attendance, behavior, and  
30 academic record(s) by the Superintendent or designee.

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32 Documented justifications related to the child's specific educational experience.

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34 The Superintendent shall grant a zoning exception to enable the child of a teacher to attend  
35 the school to which the teacher is assigned.

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37 Requests for zoning exceptions for children of other school employees and of City of Kingsport  
38 employees shall be granted a first-priority status. Requests for zoning exceptions for city students  
39 shall be considered before those of tuition students.

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Once a student has been granted a zoning exception, he/she may retain his/her place in the school through the terminal grade in that school so long as the situation upon which the zoning exception was based continues, and approval is granted by the Superintendent or designee, pending a review of the student's attendance, behavior, and academic record. Annual reapplication shall be handled through administrative procedure through the Superintendent's office. Siblings of current zoning exception students must also apply for a zoning exception and shall be independently considered for placement. Siblings are not guaranteed placement in the same school.

Documentation may be required to support a request for zoning exceptions. Intentional misrepresentation of zoning information shall invalidate the application or a granted exception.

The Board shall not provide transportation for children who are granted zoning exceptions.

All previous commitments of placement are null and void if the Board rezones the System.

Pursuant to an agreement between the Kingsport City Schools Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of Education (1986), designated non-city residents of Sullivan County may attend John F. Kennedy and Theodore Roosevelt elementary schools. The Board honors this agreement.

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Legal Reference

- TCA 49-6-403(c)
- TCA 49-6-(3102-3103)
- TCA 49-6-(3201-3206)
- TCA 49-6-3113

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Cross Reference

- Tuition Students 6.204
- Attendance 6.200
- Homeless Students 6.503
- Migrant Students 6.504