

MODIFIED OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
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The Alexandria City Public Schools offers school choice to parents and families of elementary students in a variety of situations, including:

- No Child Left Behind (NCLB) School Choice Option
- ACPS Focus Programs Lottery for Selected Schools
- Administrative Transfers (transportation not provided)

Under certain conditions, the Superintendent on behalf of the School Board may place restrictions limiting the assignment of elementary students to a particular school or schools. The School Board establishes a modified open enrollment policy which allows the Superintendent or designee to assign elementary students to another contiguous or nearby school under the following circumstances and conditions:

- The Superintendent shall propose elementary class size caps to be established during the budget process each spring.
- The number of homeroom sections for each elementary school at each grade level shall be proposed by the Superintendent and reviewed during the budget process each spring.
- When class size caps are reached at a grade level and the number of homeroom sections is at the limit for that school, additional students will be assigned to a contiguous or nearby school that is not at the school choice level of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) sanctions and where there is space.
- No student already enrolled in a school (including existing transfer students) will be removed because of Modified Open Enrollment procedures. The School Board recognizes the value of continuity and stability in the education environment.
- Younger siblings of students who live in the school attendance area, already enrolled in a school, or of students who live in the school attendance area and who formerly were enrolled in that school but are currently in an ACPS k-8 or middle school will be allowed to enroll regardless of size caps.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations and procedures to assign students to contiguous schools or to the nearest school that is not at the school choice level of NCLB sanctions and where there is space.

Students who choose (request) to attend another school by administrative transfer will not receive school transportation. Students who are assigned to attend another school by Policy JCD will receive transportation.

This policy and related regulations will be reviewed annually by the ACPS School Board.

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Cross Refs:    IHB    Class Size  
                  JC     School Attendance Areas