

Preston County Schools- Attendance Zone Policy 11-6-A

- In an effort to facilitate improved transportation efficiency and to establish clear guidelines for the formation of defined school attendance zones within Preston County Schools, the following policy has been approved by the Preston County Board of Education and will go into effect for the 2019-20 school year.

DEFINITIONS:

- For purposes of this policy, “**site capacity**” means number of students that can be served at a school location taking into account maximum class sizes allowed by law, regulation and policies; physical space available; and program availability.
- For purposes of this policy, “**Space available in an elementary school classroom**” is defined as 20 or fewer students in Pre-K and kindergarten, 25 or fewer in grades 1 through 3, and 25 or fewer in grades 4 through 6.
***Grade 6 is normally considered within the middle school configuration; however, it is included in this section due to code-based classroom size requirements.**
- For purposes of this policy, “**Space available in a middle school classroom**” is defined in grades 7 and 8 classrooms as having an average class size of 25 or less in all core classes. Core classes are defined as Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- For the purposes of this policy, “**Space available in special education programs in the receiving school**” is defined by West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2419, Regulations for the Education of Students With Exceptionalities. It is to be understood that not all programming needs are offered at each school site.
- For purposes of this policy, “**attendance zone**” means an established geographic area of Preston County in which prospective and current students reside that has been designated by the Board of Education for students living in said zone to attend a specific district school. These zones will be named and align with nine schools scheduled to operate for the 2019-20 school year including: Aurora School Zone, Rowlesburg School Zone, Bruceton School Zone, Terra Alta School Zone, South Preston School Zone, Fellowship School Zone, Kingwood / Central Preston School Zone, and West Preston School Zone.
- **Disclaimer: Within the descriptions of the proposed school zones below, reference to specific roadways does not necessarily guarantee that direct bus service will be provided on the referenced roadways.**
- (1) For purposes of this policy, the “**Aurora School Zone**” includes the following roadways: US Route 50/George Washington Highway from the MD Line to the top of Cheat Mountain, Route 24 & Route 219 to the Tucker County Line, Aurora Pike to Pine Run Road. In addition, roads including: Youghiogheny Drive, Maple Spring Highway, Accident Road, Grange Hall Road, Eglon Road, Cole Road, Shoemaker-Cole Road, Cathedral Way, Brookside Road, Coleman-Shaffer Road, upper section of Lantz Ridge Road, Fox Run Road, Tree Farmer Road, Allman Road, Gnegy Church Road, Mt. Grove Road, Seneca Trail, Silver Lake, Hogback Road, Bill Roth Road, Church Lane, Moats Hollow Road, Snyder Hollow Road, Roscoe-Lantz Road, Stemple Ridge Road, etc... also are included within this zone.

- (2) For purposes of this policy, the “**Rowlesburg School Zone**” includes the following roadways: US Route 50/George Washington Highway from the bottom of Cheat Mountain to Cool Springs, Route 72 from the northern town limits of the Town of Rowlesburg to the Tucker County Line, Saltlick Road to the intersection with Rodamer Road / Birch Hill Road, and all streets within the town limits of Rowlesburg. In addition, roads including: lower section of Fill Hollow Road (not Laurel Mountain end), lower section of Sanders Hill, Sinclair Ridge Road, Red Rock Road, Madison Run Road, Dog Run Road, Manheim Road, Green Valley Road, lower section of Birchroot Road, lower section of Lantz Ridge Road, etc.... also are included within this zone.
- (3) For purposes of this policy, the “**Bruceton School Zone**” includes the following roadways: Route 26 from the PA Line to Valley Point / Dream Mountain, Route 73 to Cooper’s Rock, Intersection of Brandonville Pike & Hume-Livengood Road. In addition, roads including: Spiker Road, Centenary Road, Hudson Road, Sugar Valley Road, Little Sandy Road, Prison Road, Galloway Road, Eisentrout Road, Mountain Dale Road, Clifton Mills Road, Compressor Station Road, George Maust Road, Flatrock Road, Tellentire Road, Brandon Meadows, Belgium Estates, Autumn Breeze, Walt Teets Road, Mason-Dixon Drive, Clifton Salem Road, Hazelton Road, Bolyard Road, Casteel Road, Whitetail Drive, Hazelview, Beaver Creek Road, Laurel Run Road, Pisgah Road, Moyers Road, Ruth Farm Road, Shady Grove Road, Glade Farms Road, Seese Road, Conners Ridge, Red Oak Drive, Webster Road, Red Wheel Park, Nicklow Road, Cherry Grove Road, Fox Hollow Road, Cannon Road, Forky Farm Road, Hileman Road, Girl Scout Camp Road, Moccasin Rocks Road, Maryland Line Road, Bartholomew Road, Dennis Road, Salem 5 Forks Road, Sugar Valley Road, Mt. Nebo Road, Glade Run Road, etc... also are included within this zone.
- (4) For purposes of this policy, the “**Terra Alta School Zone**” includes the following roadways: Route 7 / Veterans Memorial Highway from the lower section of Cinder Bin Road to the Maryland State Line, Aurora Pike to the Pine Run Road, Saltlick Road to Rodamer Road / Birch Hill Road, all roads in Terra Alta town limits, & Brandonville Pike to the Scott Cramer Road. In addition, roads including, Terra Alta side of Bucklick Road, Greggs Knob Road, Scott Cramer Road, Terra Alta Lake Road, Alpine Lake Road, Oak Grove Road, Freeland Road, Freeport Road, Snowy Creek Road, Russ Deberry Road, Casteel Road, Rag Tavern Road, Cinder Bin Road (entire span), Spruce Run Road, Freeland-Crosscut Road, Cranesville Road, Burnside Camp Road, Feather Road, Cranesville Loop Road, Laurel Glen Lane, Orr/Tannery Road, Afton/Sisler Road, Stockyard Road, etc... also are included within this zone.
- (5) For purposes of this policy, the “**South Preston School Zone**” includes the following roadways: Route 26 from the top of Birdscreek Road (including Birdscreek Rd. & Pell Road) to the mouth of York Run Road & Route 92 from the intersection of Birdscreek Road to intersection of Racoon Valley Road. In addition, roads including: Racoon Valley Road, Austin Road, Campground Road, Kanetown Road (to the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road), Frog Hollow Road (established stop point), Blazer Road, Maxwell Road, Atlantic Road, Senior Drive, Number Four Road, upper end of Sanders Hill, Bowmar Road, Buckeye Road, Grimmtown Road, Sunset Lane, Birdscreek Road, Pell Road, Smokeless Road, Concord Road, etc... also are included within this zone.

***Students in grades 6-8 living in areas established as the Fellowsville School Zone will attend South Preston School.**

- (6) For purposes of this policy, the **“Fellowsville School Zone”** includes the following roadways: Route 26 from the intersection of York Run Road to the intersection of Route 50, Route 50 from the mouth of Frog Hollow Road to the Taylor County line, Route 92 from the Barbour County line to the intersection of Racoon Valley Road, Irontown Road to the Taylor County line, Independence Road to the old Independence School. In addition, roads including: Herm Criss Road, Yorks Run Road, Marquess Road, Frog Hollow Road to the intersection of Fullmer Road, Bethlehem Road, Kanetown Road to the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road, top of Birchroot Road to Tower Road, Old Evansville Pike, Eliason Road, Woodward Lane, Mountainview Road, Sinclair Road, Goff Hill Road, Sunrise Drive, Cornwell Road, Chestnut Ridge Road, Possum Hollow Road, Concord Road, Annon Road, Scotch Hill Road, intersection of John Orr Road and Jay Lane , intersection of Independence Road and Morgantown Street, Joe Gibson Road, Five Fork Hill Road, Stevensburg Road, Stone Hollow Road, Grape Run Road, etc... also are included within this zone.
- (7) For purposes of this policy, the **“Kingwood / Central Preston School Zone”** includes the following roadways: Route 26 South from Bolyard Road to Route 26 North at Woolen Mills Road, Route 7 East on Cadell Mountain (not including Cinder Bin Road) at the intersection of Hoffman Farm Road to Route 7 West at Thelma Marie Road; Herring Road to the intersection of Pleasantdale Road; Dogtown Road to Dixon Drilling; Route 72 to include the community of Preston; Brandonville Pike from Woolen Mills Road to the intersection of Orr-Tannery Road; & Irish Ridge Road; all streets in the town limits of Kingwood & Albright. In addition roads including: Whetsell Settlement Road, Coal Lick Road, Lennox area, Pleasantdale Road, Ralph Livengood Road to Miller Road, McNair Road, Beech Run Road, Country Club Road, Harmony Grove Road, St. Joe Road, Company House Road, St. Joseph Church Road, Ken Snyder Road to Old Haul Road, Snider Loop Road, Deaker Road, Borgman Road, Old Tunnelton Pike, Grapethicket Road, Westpointe, Dinkenberger Road, Glory Drive, etc... also are included within this zone.

***Students in grades PK – 4 in this zone will attend Kingwood Elementary School and students in grades 5-8 in this zone will attend Central Preston Middle School.**

- (8) For purposes of this policy, the **“West Preston School Zone”** includes the following roadways: Route 7 from Thelma Marie Drive to the Monongalia County line; Kingwood Pike to the Monongalia County line; Route 92 from Reedsville to the intersection of Pell Road; Herring Road beyond Pleasantdale Road heading towards Masontown; Independence Road to the Mauser Farm/Morgantown Street; Dogtown Road to the Bethlehem Church; all roads in the town limits of Reedsville, Masontown, and within the communities of Arthurdale & Gladesville. In addition, roads including: McKinney Cave Road to the Mon County line, Zinn Chapel Road, Miller Mine Road, Mt. Zion Road, Rohr Road, Giuliani Road, Burke Road, Pineview Road, Moran Road, Indian Rocks Road, Plum Hill, Bretz, Morgan Mine Road, Danser Drive, Stoney Run Road, Timmons Road, Fields creek Road, Fairview Road, Bull Run Road, Ridge Road, Sunny Hill Road, Nuce Road, Cale Road, Bee Run Road, Snake Hill Road, Mayfield Road, upper side of John Orr Road, Jackie Brown Road, etc... also are included within this zone.

- ❖ Students who reside within the Preston County Schools' district shall have first priority to enroll at the school designated by the Board of Education to serve the attendance zone within which the student resides. Students may request a transfer to attend a school outside of their assigned school zone in accordance with Preston County Schools Intra-County Student Transfer Policy 11-6.
- ❖ All approvals for a student to attend a school outside of his/her assigned area shall be subject to space and program availability throughout the school year. **No transfers will be approved if the request leads to the need for additional staff.**
- ❖ Families of all students enrolled outside their local school attendance zones shall provide their own transportation to and from school, with the only exception being made for students enrolled at South Preston School prior to the 2019-20 school currently living in the Fellowsville School Zone who choose to continue to attend South Preston School. These students would be required to file for an in-county transfer annually and if approved, would continue to be afforded transportation services.
- ❖ Pre-K students that are enrolled in a school outside of their attendance zone area will not be provided bus transportation. However, if a PK program is not available within a given attendance zone, then transportation services may be provided if arrangements can be made.
- ❖ The district shall define the availability of the program physical site capacity (classroom space) and classroom size for each school in the district. Transfer requests may be approved as long as there is appropriate site capacity. However, an approved intra-county transfer may be rescinded at any point in which the enrollment of a district school reaches capacity with students living within the given attendance zone.
- ❖ Transfers may be granted on a site capacity basis, using a random lottery selection process and priority system in compliance with state and federal requirements that is referenced in Preston County School Policy 11-6.

SUMMARY:

- ❖ This policy goes into effect for the 2019-20 academic year.
- ❖ Parents of any student that is currently enrolled in a school for the 2018-19 school year that would be considered to be in a school outside of the student's attendance zone for the 2019-20 school year and/or years after, will be notified in writing of their pending out of zone status.
- ❖ These notifications will be provided by May 15th annually. Parents in this situation will be permitted to apply for an in-county transfer for the child as per Preston County Schools Intra-County Student Transfer Policy 11-6. In-county transfer forms will be required to be received by the County Attendance Director by July 1st annually for full consideration. Submissions after July 1st will be accepted; however, will be prioritized beneath on-time submissions.
- ❖ All approvals for a student to attend a school outside of his/her assigned area shall be subject to space and program availability throughout the school year.
- ❖ No transfers will be approved if the request leads to the need for additional staff.
- ❖ Families of all students enrolled outside their local school attendance boundaries shall provide their own transportation to and from school.