

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT TO SCHOOLS/REDISTRICTING

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The Board of Education has identified six (6) characteristics that the community believes are desirable for the Oldham County Schools. They include:

- 1. Neighborhood Schools:**
Students attending the school closest in proximity to their homes.
- 2. A K-5, 6-8, 9-12 Grade Level Organization Plan:**
All Oldham County schools, with the exception of Buckner Alternative school, follow this configuration.
- 3. Comprehensive Programs:**
Schools are designed to meet the highest accreditation standards and provide instructional programs for all students.
- 4. Reasonable School Sizes:**
Desirable school sizes for elementary schools are 600-700 students; for middle schools, 700-800 students; and for high schools, 1,350-1500 students.
- 5. Open Enrollment:**
Students are eligible to attend any public school in the district, provided that academic, attendance, and disciplinary standards are met, no additional staff is needed, and transportation arrangements are made by the parents, except during years following redistricting.
- 6. Traditional Ten-Month Calendar:**
The traditional school calendar allows the district to meet contact day and professional development requirements while preserving a significant amount of flexibility through the opening day and break schedule determined by the district calendar committee.

Attendance boundaries will be established for each school based primarily on these six identified desirable characteristics. Other factors may be considered when appropriate (such as traffic patterns that affect safety and travel time, history of prior redistricting's, and school feeder alignment).

Students in grades 5, 8, and 12 who are affected by redistricting to another school will be given the option of remaining at their present school whenever possible. The parents of these students must assume responsibility for transportation. All other students must attend the school serving the attendance boundary in which the student resides, except when otherwise required by policy or waiver due to hardship.

Redistricting will occur as needed to reduce overcrowding, and to establish attendance districts when schools are opened or closed.

The Superintendent will develop procedures for establishing and revising attendance districts. The procedures shall incorporate opportunities for the use of staff expertise, available technology, and parental input.