

**Students**

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES**

When establishing or changing school attendance boundaries, the Board of Education shall take into account racial and ethnic balance, specialized educational programs, school capacities, geographic features, student safety, and transportation considerations. Students shall attend school in their attendance area unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent or designee.

Demographic changes may result in overcrowded schools or in declining enrollment. Fiscal limitations may prevent the district from opening new schools or maintaining facilities that are unused. Changes in student population cannot always be remedied by a change in school attendance boundaries. The Board shall regularly review school and district enrollments and proximity to their homes. The Board shall hold a public hearing to secure community input before approving any boundary change.

(cf. 5116.1 Interdistrict Attendance)

Legal Reference

**EDUCATION CODE**

- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 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 schools

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

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