

Baldwin County Public Schools

Guidelines for Zone Variance Request

1. If a parent wishes a student to attend a school outside the zone in which he/she resides, **the parent must complete an Initial Zone Variance Request Form furnished by the school they are requesting to attend and attach a statement as to the necessity of the zone variance.**
2. Priority criteria for Zone Variances:
 - A. **Space availability** at the receiving school
 - B. **Harmful or dangerous special circumstances***as identified by the Assistant Superintendent
 - C. **Health** considerations
 - D. **Discipline and attendance records**

****Harmful or Dangerous Special Circumstances***
-Will apply to students in grades K-6
-A written statement from a state or local agency (law enforcement official, social worker, licensed psychiatrist or counselor) verifying that a harmful situation exists.
3. Conditions of Enrollment:
 - A. Student shall have on file a current immunization certificate.
 - B. Students in kindergarten and first grade must present to the school a certified copy of his/her birth certificate.
 - C. TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS IS A PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.
 - D. Students are granted zone variances on a temporary basis. **If enrollments exceed the legal limits, students may be required to return to their home school. This could occur anytime during the school year.**
 - E. Zone variances as established by the Baldwin County Board of Education will in no way invalidate rules of the Alabama High School Athletic Association in regards to eligibility standards for participating in athletics.
 - F. Decisions will be based upon the recommendations of the receiving principal.
4. **Grounds for revoking a Zone Variance Request include but may not be limited to:**
 - A. Space availability
 - B. Lack of parental support or cooperation for all campus guidelines
 - C. Failure to pick up student(s) at dismissal time
 - D. Persistent student misconduct
 - E. Excessive tardiness or irregular attendance

SCHOOL ZONE VARIANCES MAY BE REVOKED IF ANY OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS ARE NOT MET.