

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

School attendance areas are established by the School Board. Students are expected to attend the school assigned to the geographical area in which they live.

Changes in attendance areas are determined by the School Board, upon recommendation of the superintendent based on the best interests and general welfare of all students.

Parents may request a variance for their child to attend a school other than their assigned school in certain specific circumstances:

- In-home before or after school care provided in the requested school zone; daycare that does not service the home school; or a documented hardship (i.e. financial, work schedule for which reasonable child care is difficult to obtain)
- Residents planning to move to a new school zone, with a legally binding contract signed by all parties which is free of contingencies and to be completed within 90 days

**In ALL circumstances, transportation is provided by the parent to and from school.**

The variance form should be fully completed annually with supporting documentation attached and submitted to the requested school by August 1. Within 10 days, the variance will be reviewed and the parent notified of the status.

Variance requests will be approved based on classroom space availability. Variance approval is dependent upon the parent providing transportation to and from school, the student's prompt attendance and appropriate academic performance, and adherence to school rules and Powhatan County Public Schools policy by both the student and the parent.

The variance may be revoked if falsification is later discovered; attendance, grades, or discipline are unacceptable; or the parent falls to cooperate with the school or division guidelines. Parents will be given written notice prior to the end of the marking period. Unless the student has engaged in behavior for which the student is suspended for 10 days or more or expelled, a variance shall not be revoked after the final day of instruction for the student's third quarter. Should any condition noted in the variance document change, school administration must be notified immediately.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-79, 22.1-253.13:7.

Cross Refs: JCA Transfers by Student Victims of Crime  
 JCB Transfers by Students in Persistently Dangerous Schools