## SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ASSIGNMENT WITHIN

DISTRICT

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Replaces former policy 5117	206. ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT
1. Purpose	The Board directs that the assignment of students to classes and schools within this district shall be consistent with the educational needs and abilities of students and best use of district resources.
2. Authority SC 1310 Pol. 103	The Southern Lehigh School District shall be considered one attendance area for the purpose of assignment of students.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent, with the approval of the Board, has the responsibility for assigning students to particular schools. In assigning students to schools within this district, the Superintendent shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, or handicap/disability.
	The Superintendent shall periodically review existing school assignments and recommend to the Board changes that may be justified. Current practices and procedures are based on:  • consideration of safe student transportation and travel
	effectiveness of the instructional program
	financial and administrative efficiency
	convenience of access to schools.
	The Superintendent or designee shall assign incoming transfer students to schools, grades, and classes that afford each student the greatest likelihood of realizing full educational potential.
	The building principal shall assign students in his/her school to appropriate grades, classes, or groups. This action shall be based on consideration of the needs and abilities of the student as well as the administration of the school.
4. Guidelines	In general, the assignment of students to elementary schools in the district shall be made based on several factors:  1. Class size.

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2. Enrollment in a special program. 3. Transportation availability and feasibility. Proximity to school. Other factors may also be considered in the determination of student assignment; however, they are of a secondary nature to the priorities listed above and may not necessarily be achieved in determining assignment. They include the following: The district will attempt to maintain students in elementary schools where they begin first grade. The district will attempt to assign siblings to the same elementary school with the exception of kindergarten students because of mid-day transportation. Students reassigned upon parent request and with the Superintendent's approval, shall abrogate all rights to free school transportation. Transportation to and from the reassigned school becomes the responsibility of the parent or guardian. School Code 1310