

BOUNDARY EXEMPTION REQUEST

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Date: _____

Physical Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

I hereby request an attendance boundary exemption from _____ school to _____ school, to begin _____; at which time above student will be in _____ grade.

Reason(s) for exemption request: (attach separate page(s) if additional space is needed.)

Transportation to a school outside the student's attendance area shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.¹

I have read and understand the policy and regulations relating to boundary exemptions (see back of this form).

Parent Signature

Date

Administrative use only

Principal of Exiting School

Date

Boundary Exemption Approved

Boundary Exemption Denied

Reason: _____

Superintendent Signature

Date

¹ Exception granted only for McKinney-Vento-eligible students and for a special education student whose IEP Team recommends the student attend a school other than the one in his or her attendance area.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

School attendance boundaries for the various school buildings in the Copper River School District shall be established by the Board of Education. Individual school attendance area boundaries may be changed by the Board as population conditions warrant, the student capacity of the school building requires adjustment for pupil load, or financial needs dictate. When considering changes to school attendance boundaries, the Board shall take into account racial and ethnic balance, educational programs, school capacities, geographic features, student safety, and transportation considerations.

Under special circumstances and for justifications established by Administrative Regulation and approved by the Board, students may be allowed to attend a school outside the attendance area in which the student resides. Any exemptions to the attendance boundaries established by the Board must be approved by the superintendent prior to August 1st for residents of the school district - or after the ten school day limit for a new resident to the school district - except in extreme cases, which may be taken to the Board for consideration. Boundary exemption requests submitted after August 1 will be accepted for consideration on a case-by-case basis. Once the superintendent has approved a boundary exemption, the student may not change his/her attendance area again during that school year.

A boundary exemption for a parent who wants a student to attend a school outside the parent's residential boundary area must provide transportation for the student both to and from school. The only exceptions to the district's parent-required transportation requirement for a boundary exemption are the school choice provision of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) or for a student whose IEP under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) provides that the student attend a different school other than the one in his/her residential boundary area.

Without an approved exemption from the superintendent or designee, students shall attend school in their attendance area.

The superintendent shall give consideration to the following when reviewing and approving boundary exemption requests:

1. The timeliness of the request.
2. The impact on the schools or classrooms involved.
3. The educational needs of the student.
4. Student safety.

Once a boundary exemption has been granted to a student, he/she becomes a part of the attendance area to which the exemption has been granted. The student may not return to or change attendance areas without requesting and receiving a new boundary exemption. No more than one (1) boundary exemption will be granted to a student in a school year.

The superintendent will respond to boundary exemption requests within five school days after they have been properly submitted to the superintendent by the parent. The boundary exemption decisions of the superintendent may be appealed in writing directly to the Board at the next regular meeting of the Board. Appeals must be submitted at least ten days prior to a regular meeting of the Board.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 05.010-4 AAC 05.090 *Local Education*

4 AAC 06.027 *Establishment of Attendance Areas*