

## Students

### Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer

#### Attendance Area

The attendance centers in the School District consist of Zion-Benton Twp. High School (including the Pearce East alternative programs) and New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East. All students residing within the District who meet enrollment requirements and who are in good standing are eligible to enroll at and attend Zion-Benton Twp. High School. Homeless children shall be assigned according to Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*.

#### New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East

In the winter of each year, the School District will accept applications to attend New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East from in-District eighth grade students who will be freshmen the following fall and who have been informed via the application process of the District's expectations that entering freshmen will remain at New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East through graduation. The resident in-District students who are accepted into the program at New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East, and are notified of their acceptance during the winter registration process, are expected to complete their high school curriculum at New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East, rather than at Zion-Benton Twp. High School.

Students who are new to the School District may apply for attendance at New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East provided space is available and the student meets enrollment criteria. Students initially enrolled at Zion-Benton Twp. High School who wish to transfer to New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East may apply to do so provided space is available. Requests to transfer from Zion-Benton Twp. High School will be considered and approved by the Administration in accordance with the graduation requirements established by the Board of Education and what is deemed to be in the best educational interests of the student. Transfers from Zion-Benton Twp. High School to New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East will occur at the beginning of the school year unless the administration determines it is in the best interest of the student to transfer at the semester.

A student may request a transfer from New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East to Zion-Benton Twp. High School. The Board may grant such a request when the parent(s)/guardian(s) demonstrate that the student's need for academic rigor could be better accommodated by the education program at Zion-Benton Twp. High School, provided space is available. Transfer requests related to issues regarding the enforcement of District disciplinary policies, transportation preferences, social issues, or other concerns not related to the academic needs of the student, will not be considered. The Board may also transfer a student whenever it deems such a transfer to be in the best interest of the students and the School District. Generally, a

student receiving School Board approval to transfer will be allowed to transfer only at the beginning of a new school year, to avoid disruption of the general education program. Semester transfer may be considered under extreme circumstances. The Board's decision on whether to allow a transfer will be a final decision.

In the event a student withdraws from District 126 for any reason to attend a school outside the District and subsequently wishes to reenroll in District 126, the student will be required to reenroll in the school the student originally attended when first entering District 126.

The provisions in this section have no applicability to transfers pursuant to: (1) Title I covered in Board policy 6:15, *School Accountability*, or (2) the Unsafe School Choice Option covered in Board policy 4:170, *Safety*.

The Superintendent or designee shall assign students to classes.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-21.3, 5/10-21.3a, and 5/10-22.5

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety)  
6:15 (School Accountability)  
6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

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Students desiring transfer from New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East to Zion-Benton Twp. High School for the purposes identified in Board Policy 7:30, including the purpose of accessing a more rigorous curriculum as evidenced by the student's academic performance and demonstrated seriousness of purpose while a student at New Tech High @ Zion-Benton East, must follow the administrative procedures listed below:

- Step 1:** Parent/Guardian Conference with the Building Principal.
- Step 2:** Parent/Guardian Conference with the Building Principal and Superintendent
- Step 3:** Student and Parent/Guardian submit individual written statements to the Superintendent that supports how the transfer request is consistent with District Policy and in the best interest of the student. The Superintendent will analyze the statements, student performance records, and principal's assessment in order to determine a recommendation to the School Board.
- Step 4:** The Superintendent will submit all evidence along with a recommendation to the School Board for a final determination.
- Step 5:** The School Board will rule on whether evidence presented adheres to Policy 7:30 and supporting administrative procedures.

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