

4.1.1 – Admission of Nonresident & Home School Students

It is the policy of the Van Buren School District not to admit students from outside the district with the exception of those students deemed by the Board to fall within one or more of the following categories:

- a. Students from outside the Van Buren School District who have been legally adopted by adoptive parents from within the district.
- b. Students from outside the Van Buren School District who are living with residents of the district other than their parents after the legal guardianship procedure has been processed.
- c. Students from outside the Van Buren School District placed in foster homes by court action or awaiting final court action.
- d. Students of Van Buren Schools by way of the legal transfer process or by freedom of choice application per ACT §6-18-316 and Public School Choice Act of 2015.
 - 1) If in the event a request for legal transfer is received fifteen (15) or more days after the beginning of the second or fourth grading periods, eligible enrollment will not begin until the end of the same grading period in which the request was received. (This applies to students attending in area school districts and not to students moving into the region for the first time or students that are requesting a transfer as a result of moving out of the Van Buren School District.)

Home School students may participate in academic and/or interscholastic activity per ACT 1469 of 2013.

Students admitted to the Van Buren School District via School Choice, Act 189, Board to Board transfer or staff members bringing their students from outside of the district, will be placed at a school campus where there is adequate classroom space.

When a School Choice, Act 189, Board to Board transfer student or staff member bringing their student from outside of the district receive approval for an elementary school, that approval only applies to the elementary school. When the student transitions to the middle school level, they will be assigned to a middle school during their fifth (5th) grade year. Placement will be based on space availability and the district maintaining compliance with state regulation on classroom size.

If they wish to attend another middle school other than the one they are assigned, they may complete an area exception form. The area exception will be processed only after the students who reside in the Van Buren School District have their area exceptions approved, and space is available at the requested school.

General Assembly, or ACT 1272 of 2003.

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