

Purpose

To establish school attendance areas.

Definitions

Residence – The residence of a student shall be presumed to be: (1) the bona fide domicile of the student's parents/guardians, and (2) if the parents live apart, the bona fide domicile of the parent to whom sole legal custody is awarded, or the parent with whom the student regularly resides if sole custody has not been awarded.

Bona fide domicile - The place in which an individual has a settled connection for legal purposes and the place where a person has a true, fixed permanent home, habitation and principal establishment, without any present intention of leaving. It does not include a temporary residence established for the purpose of free school attendance in the public schools.

Public School Employee – A certificated or non-certificated employee who is employed by a public school system for at least 190 days per year on a full-time basis.

Child - Includes a natural child, foster child or a child who is domiciled in Allegany County.

Policy Statement

The county shall be divided into appropriate school attendance areas by the Board of Education of Allegany County. With the advice of the County Superintendent, the County Board shall determine the geographical attendance areas for each school.

A student who is a resident of Allegany County shall attend the school designated to serve the attendance area in which his/her legal guardian resides unless special permission has been granted by the Superintendent or his designee to attend a school in another attendance area in Allegany County.

The bona fide domicile of a student and/or a student's parent(s) shall be verified in accordance with the requirements of Policy JFA – Resident and Nonresident Student Eligibility.

The Board of Education of Allegany County recognizes that exceptions to this policy may also be granted by state and/or federal laws such as kinship care and/or homelessness.

Legal Reference	Policy History	Adopted	Reviewed	Revised
Education Article §§ 7-101, 7-301, 4-121; 4-122.1 COMAR 13A.02.06.02				Feb. 13, 2007, 1 st Reading April 11, 2007, 2 nd Reading April 8, 2008, 1 st Reading August 9, 2011, 2 nd Reading April 12, 2016, 1 st Reading May 10, 2016, 2 nd Reading May 9, 2023, 1 st Reading June 6, 2023, 2 nd Reading June 11, 2024, 1 st Reading Aug. 13, 2024, 2 nd Reading April 1, 2025, 1 st Reading May 27, 2025, 2 nd Reading Dec. 16, 2025, 1 st Reading Jan. 13, 2026, 2 nd Reading