

# BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Policy JC-FBZ

## Flexible Boundary Zones & School Enrollment

While students have a right to attend the elementary school in the school district where they reside, the Braintree School Committee endorses a policy of Flexible Boundary Zones (FBZ) for the enrollment of students new to the Braintree Public Schools effective for the 2016-2017 school year. The purpose of the FBZ policy is to ensure even utilization of individual building resources and staff throughout the school system, and to protect the educational well-being of all students.

Flexible Boundary Zones are defined areas (neighborhoods, streets, etc.) for which individual addresses may be assigned to more than one elementary school. Parent/guardians of students residing in a FBZ must request one of the designated elementary schools in the FBZ. Requests will be granted based on space availability. Students in FBZ do not have a designated home school until such time as they are assigned a school by school administration. The assignment of the home school for students in FBZ is not subject to appeal.

With respect to the assignment of new families residing in buffer zones:

1. The preference of the family will be considered in making the initial assignment.
2. Once a family in an elementary buffer zone has been assigned a school for one child, other siblings who follow will also be enrolled in that elementary school unless the parent/guardian requests a different elementary school. Their request for a different school will be considered on a space available basis.

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