

Edgewood Pupil Services 410-612-1521

Abingdon Elementary
Deerfield Elementary
Edgewood Elementary
Edgewood High
Edgewood Middle
Old Post Road Elementary
Bakerfield Elementary School
Harford Technical High
George D. Lisby Elementary School

Fallston Pupil Services 410-638-4124

Fallston High
Fallston Middle
Forest Lakes Elementary
Harford Academy School
Red Pump Elementary
Youth's Benefit Elementary

Havre de Grace Pupil Services 410-939-6612

Darlington Elementary
Havre de Grace Elementary
Havre de Grace Middle/High
Meadowvale Elementary

Magnolia Pupil Services 410-612-1531

Joppatowne Elementary
Joppatowne High
Magnolia Elementary
Magnolia Middle
Riverside Elementary

North Harford Pupil Services 410-638-3662

Dublin Elementary
Jarrettsville Elementary
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North Bend Elementary
North Harford Elementary
North Harford High
North Harford Middle

Patterson Mill Pupil Services 410-638-4215

William S. James Elementary School
Forest Hill Elementary
Ring Factory Elementary
Patterson Mill Middle/High

Southampton Pupil Services 410-638-4153

C. Milton Wright High
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Hickory Elementary
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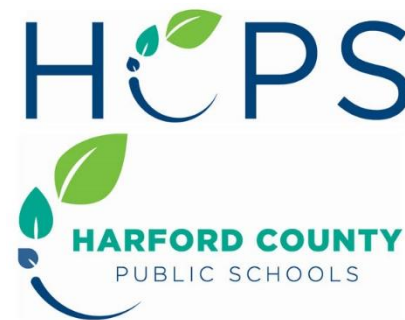
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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding

Boundary Exceptions



Department of Student Services

What is a boundary exception?

The Board of Education policy stipulates that students will attend the schools that serve the area in which they reside with their parent(s) or legal guardian. A boundary exception is special approval for a student to enroll at a school outside of the student's designated attendance area.

For what reasons can a boundary exception be requested?

Each boundary exception request is investigated and evaluated for approval on an individual basis. The following are the most common reasons for approval:

- Childcare for an elementary student in an attendance area outside of the home school area.
- Curriculum pursuit of a high school program unavailable at the student's home school.
- Continuity after a student moves to allow completion of 5th, 8th, or 12th grades.

Supporting documentation will be required in all cases.

When can a boundary exception be submitted?

The application must be submitted between March 1st and June 1st of the school year prior to the year for which the boundary exception is requested. Kindergarten applications will not be reviewed until the first day of July preceding the requested school year.

What is the review process for a boundary exception request?

The Pupil Services Office will review the application and reason for the request and consider the following factors, including but not limited to:

- The request is based on an approved, documented reason.
- School or grade level capacity.
- Student behavior, attendance, and grades.
- School staffing and resources
- Program eligibility

Boundary exceptions assign considerable weight to school capacity and student behavior, attendance, and grades. A decision is usually communicated within 10 school days.

Are there special conditions when a boundary exception is approved?

Yes. The following conditions apply when a student attends a school on a boundary exception:

- Parents are responsible for transportation to school.
- Students must maintain satisfactory behavior, attendance, and grades.
- Principals may develop contracts that specify individualized conditions.
- Other special conditions may be determined by the Pupil Personnel Worker in unique cases.

Can a boundary exception be revoked?

Yes. The reasons include, but are not limited to:

- The reason for the boundary exception no longer applies.
- Unsatisfactory behavior, attendance, or grades.
- Violation of an administrative contract.
- False information was given at the time of the boundary exception request.
- A school or grade level is at or over capacity.

Can I appeal a boundary exception decision?

Yes. The appeal should include documentation that a school official made an error applying procedural rules. Refer to the procedure on the HCPS website under the Board of Education tab titled, "Administrative Guidelines for Evaluating Boundary Exception Requests." Appeals should be addressed in writing to the Executive Director of Student Support Services within 10 school days following notification of denial or termination of a boundary exception.

If you have questions or would like to apply for a boundary exception, contact the PPW assigned to your area.

Aberdeen Pupil Services 410-273-5514

Aberdeen Middle
Aberdeen High
Roye-Williams Elementary School
Hall's Cross Roads Elementary
Church Creek Elementary School

Bel Air Pupil Services 410-638-4143

Bel Air Elementary
Bel Air High
Bel Air Middle
Emmorton Elementary
Homestead/Wakefield Elementary