

Paine Mountain School District

Notice of Policy Actions

The Paine Mountain School District Board of Directors will consider the following policy action at its next board meeting:

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 6:00 pm
Northfield

First Reading: Intradistrict School Choice

View policy at www.cvsu.org

Peter Evans
PMSD Board Chair

Susette L. Bollard
Superintendent of Schools

Oct. 4, 2018

**Paine Mountain School District - Northfield and Williamstown
Intradistrict School Choice Program for Elementary, Middle, and High Schools**

The Paine Mountain School District (PMSD) places students in the District's schools based on a student's town of residence. Transportation is provided for students attending a school within the town of residence.

To accommodate occasions when a student might benefit from placement in a school outside a student's town of residence, it is the policy of the Paine Mountain School District to offer students the option to enroll in a school or take advantage of specific learning opportunities of their choice within the district. Processes for intra-district choice of school will be guided by the needs of students, space availability, and existing resources.

The Superintendent of Schools will develop procedures consistent with the following guidelines:

- Requests to attend a school in another town within the PMSD will be granted based on space availability and with the goal of creating balanced class sizes in all schools.
- Regardless of residence, every family will have a choice of enrolling in an appropriate school operated by the District (Northfield and Williamstown).
- Transportation to PK-8 buildings will be provided for students attending school within one's town of residence. For students choosing to attend school in a neighboring town, transportation is not provided by the Paine Mountain School District, unless the existing bus route passes the child's residence on the way to or from the choice school and there is sufficient space on the bus..
- Younger siblings entering school after a child who has exercised school choice may attend the same school as his or her older sibling.
- School choice does not apply to non-resident students.
- The superintendent will make decisions regarding an application and parents will be notified in writing as soon as the decision has been made.
- A parent who disputes the determination made by the superintendent in accordance with the above process is entitled to request board review of the decision. The board's determination will be considered final.
- Students that participate in this program and attend a chosen school, other than their home school of residence, will be expected to remain at the chosen location until the end of the school year, unless there are extenuating circumstances to be considered by the superintendent.
- These protocols are in no way intended to apply to mid-year requests for transfer of students. The superintendent may consider such requests if student safety or well-being is in question. Otherwise, requests for in-district transfer must be limited to the end of school year application process and start of the school year transfer timeline.
- Students participating in the elementary school transfer program do not need to reapply for subsequent years.
- Students will have the option to receive a diploma of their choosing from either school in the event they take part fully or partially in learning at the other school.
- School Choice procedures will be listed in school handbooks and updated and published annually.