

Board Policy JBCCA: Student Assignment to Schools

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Student Assignment to Schools

The Gilmer County School System (GCSS) offers Intradistrict Transfer Option in compliance with GA Code 20-2-2131).

- I. A parent/guardian can elect to send a child to another public school in the GCSS as long as there is classroom space available at the school after the initial enrollment period of students. If a parent elects to exercise this choice option, the parent assumes all costs associated with transporting the student to and from the selected school. Also, a student who transfers to another school pursuant to GA Code may, at his or her election, continue to attend such school until the student completes all grades of the school. Note: A transferring student who completes all grades available at the receiving school does not automatically receive enrollment preference to the feeder school.
- II. The GCSS may deny a parental request for transfer based on a lack of capacity for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Capacity of the school building based on established health and safety provisions;
 - b. Class-size capacity by grade and subject, based on state law and rule; and
 - c. A student for whom federal law provides a selected space (e.g., for special education students whose Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) calls for placement at a particular school; children of military families).
- III. Pursuant to GA Code, newly opened schools are not required to receive transfer students for a period of 4 years from their opening date. Classroom capacity is determined by State funding limits and by establishing a 10% margin for annual campus growth.
- IV. The following lists the procedural guidelines for the implementation of Public School Choice:
 1. The Gilmer County School System will determine every year, in **May February**, the number of vacant seats available at schools that are eligible to receive transfer students under GA Code. Campus vacancies will be established based upon grade-level.
 2. Vacancies will be published on the district's website (www.gilmerschools.com), on or before **May 15 February 28th**. ~~Vacancies will also be posted at the Central Administrative office.~~
 3. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may apply for vacancies through the following application process:
 - a. Applications will be taken at the Central Administration office or completed online.
 - b. Applications may be hand delivered, faxed or mailed.
 - c. Only applications received during the month of **June (1st - 30th) March (1st - 31st)**, will be considered valid and eligible for ~~the placement~~ **lottery**.
 - d. Parent(s), Guardian(s), and students are eligible to transfer only once per academic school year under the Intra-District Transfer option. Only students who participate ~~in the lottery placement drawing~~ **in the Public School Choice application process** are eligible. Students who enroll into the GCSS during an academic year must wait until the following summer to enter ~~the placement lottery through~~ the application process.
 4. After the application window has closed, eligible applications will be sorted by campus preference and order of date of application submission ~~then a random drawing will occur at the Central Administrative office of applications.~~
 5. Prior to the first day of instruction, Principals will notify out-of-district parent(s)/guardian(s) if their student was selected for assignment at the school of choice and of campus enrollment procedures.

Board Policy IDFA: Gender Equity in Sports

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Gender Equity in Sports

It shall be the policy of the Gilmer County Board of Education (Board) to prohibit discrimination based on gender in its elementary and secondary school athletic programs. In accordance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act, it shall be the policy of the Board to undertake all reasonable efforts to provide equal athletic opportunities for members of both genders. In accordance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act, it shall also be the policy of the Board not to participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless the charter, bylaws, or other governing documents of such athletic association comply with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act.

It shall be the policy of the Board to conduct an ongoing assessment of its athletic programs to determine whether there are equal athletic opportunities for members of both genders. If it is determined that there are not equal athletic opportunities for members of both genders, the school system will conduct an athletic interest survey to determine student interest in various sports.

The Superintendent shall designate an individual, known as the sports equity coordinator, to coordinate compliance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act. The Superintendent, at his or her discretion, may also designate school-level coordinators to assist the sports equity coordinator. The school system shall annually notify all students of the name, office address, and office telephone number of the sports equity coordinator. This notification shall be included in the student handbook and posted at each school.

The sports equity coordinator shall investigate any complaint received by **communicated to** the local school system **alleging noncompliance in regard to with the Georgia** Equity in Sports **Act**. Such investigation shall be in accordance with the grievance procedures for resolution of complaints regarding gender equity in sports, as adopted by the Board.

Board Policy IEDA: Unstructured Break Time

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Unstructured Break Time

The Board allows the scheduling of unstructured break time for students in kindergarten and grades 1 through 8. The school principal is authorized to determine the length, frequency, timing, and location of breaks at each school.

In determining the schedule for unstructured break time for students, the principal shall consult with appropriate instructional personnel at the school and system level, as appropriate, to ensure that break time does not interfere with and provides support for academic learning. The principal shall also issue directions concerning the responsibility for supervision of students so that break time will be a safe experience for them.

Breaks may be withheld from students for disciplinary or academic reasons if prior notice of such is provided to the students.

Board Policy IFBG: Internet Acceptable Use

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Internet Acceptable Use

ACCEPTABLE/UNACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

This policy enables the superintendent to establish guidelines for what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable use of the Gilmer County School System's technology resources in accordance with state and federal law and the Georgia Board of Education Regulations and Policies. Any user of Gilmer County School System Technology Resources, including students, staff, authorized users and unauthorized users, acknowledge that the Technology Resources belong to the Gilmer County School System and by their use, authorized or unauthorized, the user consents to monitoring by the Gilmer County School System and acknowledges there is no expectation of privacy. Any user of the Gilmer County School System Technology Resources waives any expectation of privacy and consents to monitoring by the Gilmer County School System in order to insure compliance with Board policy, state and federal law. It shall also be the policy of the Gilmer County Board of Education that the school district shall have in continuous operation, with respect to any computer belonging to the school having access to the Internet:

1. A qualifying "technology protection measure," as that term is defined in Section 1703(b)(1) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000; and
2. Procedures or guidelines developed by the superintendent, administrators and/or other appropriate personnel which provide for monitoring the online activities of user and the use of the chosen technology protection measure to protect against access through such computers to visual depictions that are (i) obscene, (ii) child pornography, or (iii) harmful to minors, as those terms are defined in Section 1703(b)(1) and (2) of the Children's Protection Act of 2000, (iv) and further prohibits uses not consistent with the missions of the Gilmer County Board of Education, Board policy, local, state or federal law. Such procedures or guidelines shall be designed to:
 - a. Provide for monitoring the online activities of users to prevent, to the extent practicable, access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and the World Wide Web;
 - b. Promote the safety and security of minors by providing to students age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate online behavior, including interacting with others on social networking sites, in email and in chat rooms; behaviors that may constitute cyber bullying; and how to respond when subjected to cyber bullying;
 - c. Prevent unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unauthorized activities by minors online;
 - d. Prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
 - e. Restrict minors' access to materials "harmful to minors," as that term is defined in Section 1703(b)(2) of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000.
3. It shall be a violation of Board policy for any user, whether student, employee, authorized user or unauthorized user to use Gilmer County School System Technology Resources in violation of the mission of the Gilmer County School District, Board policy, local, state or federal law. All Gilmer County School System Technology Resources shall belong to the Gilmer County Board of Education, including any content, formula, or derivative byproduct created by the use of such resources. The Board hereby prohibits the creation, use or dissemination of materials violative of Board policy, local, state or federal law by means of Gilmer County School System Technology Resources.

INTERNET SAFETY:

In order to promote the safety and security of students when accessing the Internet and any online communication programs, the school district will provide age-appropriate education regarding appropriate online behavior, including interacting with others on social networking websites and in chat rooms, as well as cyber-bullying awareness and response. At all grade levels, this shall consist of instruction in the computer lab setting. In addition, at the

elementary level, special group sessions with the counselor and school resource officer will be provided. At the middle school level, group sessions with the counselor and resource officer will address this topic, and classroom instruction in business/health education will focus on required state standards regarding Internet and general safety. At the high school level, all students shall complete a required computer course that addresses these issues, and student advisement sessions will address appropriate online behavior and response.

DISCLAIMER:

The Gilmer County School System makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Gilmer County School System is committed to providing trouble-free access to the Internet but cannot be held liable for any lost, damaged, or unavailable information due to any technical difficulties that may arise. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. Fees and other charges incurred in violation of policy will be the responsibility of the user. The Gilmer County School System specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of any information obtained through these services.

Board Policy IFBC: Media Programs

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Media Programs

Media programs and services for the Gilmer County School System shall meet all requirements of the Georgia Board of Education and the accreditation standards of the various accrediting commissions in which the system holds membership. The program shall meet the instructional goals of the system.

The local school superintendent shall appoint a system media contact person to serve as liaison to the Georgia Department of Education. The contact person shall provide for the establishment of a media committee at the system level and each school level.

1. The system level media committee will be responsible for the development of media procedures for the school system, including,
 - a. Selecting media and instructional materials;
 - b. Handling requests for reconsideration of materials;
 - c. Considering gifts of instructional resources;
 - d. Using non-school owned materials; and
 - e. Complying with copyright law.
 2. The school level media committee will be responsible for adhering to system level procedures and making recommendations and decisions related to planning, operation, evaluation, and improvement of the media program; including,
 - a. A plan for flexibly scheduled media center access based on instructional need;
 - b. Annual evaluation of media services and development of a multi-year media plan for budget and services priorities.
 - c. Making recommendations and decisions related to planning, operation and improvement of the media program.
 - d. Collaborative planning that includes joint determination by media specialists and teachers to ensure use of media center resources and services. These resources and services shall support on-going classroom instruction and implementation of the state and locally adopted curriculum.
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