

**GUIDELINES FOR CONTINUING ENROLLMENT OF  
STUDENTS WHOSE LEGAL SETTLEMENT CHANGES  
DURING THE FIRST SEMESTER**

Indiana Code 20-26-11-2(8) gives MSD of Wayne Township the option to permit a student to finish the school year in the District in cases where the student's legal settlement has changed to a location outside the District during the first semester of a school year.

The student's Principal shall take into account the following factors in determining whether a student whose legal settlement has changed during the first semester will be allowed to finish the current school year:

1. The educational, emotional, and social impact on the student of a mid-year transfer.
2. The student's academic progress and attendance in the current program.
3. Whether the change in the student's legal settlement was first reported by the parent or was detected by the school.
4. Whether the parent/guardian has been truthful in the School's inquiry into student's legal settlement.
5. The student's disciplinary history and conduct.
6. The impact of the student's continued enrollment on class size.
7. The treatment of other similarly situated students.
8. The additional time and distance traveled from the student's new residence to the school, and the likelihood that the student's attendance and tardiness will not be affected by the additional travel time.

The Principal shall not take into account such factors as:

1. Race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or any other protected class of the parent/guardian or the student.
2. Whether the parent/guardian is current in paying book rental and other fees.
3. The involvement of the student in extra-curricular activities such as athletics or other activities involving competition with other schools.

A parent/guardian who disagrees with a principal's decision on continued enrollment may appeal the decision in writing to the superintendent or his or her designee within five calendar days of the principal's decision. The superintendent or his or her designee will review the principal's decision and respond to the parent/guardian within five instructional days of the receipt of the parent's appeal. The decision of the superintendent or designee on continued enrollment pursuant to this guideline shall be final.

If the principal allows the student to continue enrollment until the end of the school year, in future school years the student shall be considered a transfer student and subject to the application process as described in *Policy C250*.

MSD of Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana

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