

MISSION STATEMENT • DISTRICT 96

The mission of the Riverside Public Schools is to provide for each student a challenging education which promotes academic excellence, encourages creativity, develops critical thinking, and fosters respect for self, community, and the environment.

**RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 96
63 WOODSIDE ROAD
RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS**

Board Committee Presentation

**of policy recommendations
related to**

Class Size and Elementary School Assignment

Thursday November 11, 2010

L. J. Hauser Jr. High School - 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call, 7:00 p.m.
2. Presentation of Summary of Committee Findings
3. Gathering of Questions and Comments
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

Policy Recommendations
Flexible Boundary Committee, 2010

Class Size Policy

To maintain and to foster the goals of our educational mission, District 96 recommends a class size ranging between 20-23 students for Grades K-5 and 24-26 students for Grades 6-8.

Elementary School Student Assignment Policy

There are four elementary schools within District 96: A.F. Ames, Blythe Park, Central and Hollywood. Assignment of K-5 students among these schools is predicated upon valid residency and completed registration.

In assigning elementary students to a K-5 school, the presence of siblings in the school and proximity of the student's residence to the school will be taken into consideration in the following order:

- Legal siblings and children sharing custodial parents /guardians will be assigned to the same elementary school.

An automatic override of the Class Size Policy is granted to permit legal siblings and children sharing custodial parents/guardians to attend the same elementary school. There shall be no exceptions to this principle for administrative reasons.

A parent or guardian may request that his/her children be assigned to separate schools, but this request may be granted only if doing so does not violate Class Size Policy.

- Students will be assigned to an elementary school in reasonable proximity to their residence

To appeal an elementary school student's school assignment per this policy, a completed petition must be submitted to the District office to the attention of the Superintendent.

Monitoring and Evaluation of Class Size and Elementary School Student Assignment Policies

To insure that the goals of the Class Size and Student Placement Policies are met, the Board of Education requires regular review of the implementation of these policies. Towards this end, the following evaluative tools will be utilized (this list is neither restrictive nor exhaustive):

- An annual plan for fulfilling the goals of the Class Size and Elementary School Student Assignment Policies. This plan is to be presented at the January Board of Education meeting.

This plan will include the following elements:

- Details of the data used to anticipate changes in enrollment across student cohorts.
 - Details of how this data will be used for section planning.
 - Description of the registration process.
 - Description of the registration timelines.
 - Description of the process for notifying District 96 parents and residents of the registration timelines and process.
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- Bi-annual presentation of student residency in relation to elementary school assignment. This information will be offered in the form of a plotted map at the October and May Board of Education meeting.
 - Monthly reports on petitions of appeal and enrollment and class size figures at the elementary and middle school levels will be presented at regular Board of Education meetings.