

Policy Code: 4140 Release of Students to Other School Systems

The Thomasville City Schools Board of Education believes that in most cases, students should attend the school that serves his/her domicile but realize that there are sometimes exceptions to this belief. Pursuant to NCGS 115C-366, students residing in the Thomasville City School district may in the sole discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee be released for assignment to attend a school outside of the Thomasville City School district upon the following terms and conditions.

Any parent, guardian, or person standing in *loco parentis* may apply for release of their child to another school district by submitting the appropriate request form and supportive documents to the coordinator of Student Assignment. Any releases or admissions granted to students pursuant to this policy will be for one school year and an application for renewal must be submitted annually.

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to grant releases to students domiciled in the Thomasville City School district to seek assignment to a school in another school administrative unit.

Parents must submit an annual request for student release form, in addition to an acceptance letter from the accepting school administrative unit for the following school year during the time period of March 1 to the last Wednesday in June of that year. Letters reminding parents of the requirement to seek release for the following school year will be mailed no later than one week prior to the application window opening. The superintendent or designee shall notify the parents, legal guardian, or legal custodian and the other school district of the decision in writing.

Before granting a release, the superintendent or designee shall determine whether there is an unusual hardship or other extenuating circumstances that clearly make the release in the best interest of the individual student. The superintendent or his/her designee shall have authority to approve or deny requests for releases based upon the following factors:

1. Documented medical reasons,
2. Documented evidence of extreme and unusual hardship which affects the student's achievement and/or behavior,
3. Change of domicile during the school year,
4. Children of system employees, and
5. Program availability.

Students released to other school districts must meet financial obligations required by their new school district and provide their own transportation.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-366

Adopted: