

510 - UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE OPTION POLICY

I. Purpose

The Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence (BASSE) complies with the Federal *No Child Left Behind* legislation by providing transfer options to those students enrolled in a District or Charter school that has been identified as “persistently dangerous” pursuant to provisions of DDOE Regulation 608, *Unsafe School Choice Option Policy for Students in Persistently Dangerous Schools* and for *Students Who Have Been Victims of a Violent Felony*. Students who have been victims of a violent felony under these provisions may also elect the transfer option program.

II. Policy

Option A: Schools Identified as Persistently Dangerous

1. Within ten (10) days of receiving a persistently dangerous designation from the Delaware Department of education, BASSE will notify parents of eligible Unsafe School Transfer Option Program students by mail. A Transfer Option Application will be attached to the notification letter. Parents of students moving to a persistently dangerous school at the end of their grade level cluster will also be notified by mail. All parents registering students at a designated school will receive a notice and Transfer Option Application at the time of registration.
2. BASSE will accept Unsafe School Student Transfer Option Applications for fifteen (15) days following the date of the notification mailing.
3. Parents will have the option to transfer to another school that is making adequate yearly progress and that has not been identified as being in school improvement, corrective action or restructuring. School options available will be listed on the application form.

4. Transfers of students will occur within thirty (30) days of the Delaware Department of Education notification to BASSE. Transferring students will be assigned to bus stops currently serving their option school by the District Transportation Department. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation to and from their assigned bus stop.
5. A corrective action plan will be developed and filed with the Delaware Department of Education within twenty (20) school days from the date that BASSE learns that the school has been identified as persistently dangerous.

Option B: Victim of a Violent Felony at a School

1. Within five (5) days from the acknowledgement of a violent felony charge that occurred in or on the grounds of BASSE, the school will notify the victims parents by certified mail of the Unsafe School Student Transfer Option. A Transfer Option Application will be attached to the notification letter.
2. Parents have ten (10) school days from the date of the certified mailing to exercise their option to transfer to a safe District school that is making adequate yearly progress and has not been identified as being in school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring. School options available will be listed on the application form.
3. The student will be transferred within thirty (30) school days of the notification of violent felony charges being filed. Transferring students will be assigned to bus stops currently servicing their option school by that District Transportation Department. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation to and from their assigned bus stop.

Related Policies:

- A. Title 14 Education; 600 School Choice and Discipline, 608 Unsafe School Choice Option Policy
- B. 27 DE Reg. 669 03/01/24
- C. 27 DE Reg. 287 10/1/18

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Approval: