

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CPS Neighborhood School Zones (2009-2010)

February 26, 2009

- 1Q: Will CPS transport my child from their child care provider to school and back?
- 1A: We have asked that parents who desire to have their child transported from their childcare provider's address to complete the appropriate form and return it by March 9, 2009. Based on school and class size, we will attempt to provide transportation from the childcare provider's location to the elementary school within that school zone and back to that same location.
- 2Q: Do we need to fill out a form if my daycare is in the same zone I am assigned?
- 2A: Yes, we need you to complete the form so we know that is the location you desire to have your child transported to and from.
- 3Q: I prefer that my child attend an elementary other than the one in my school zone, is that possible?
- 3A: We ask that you complete the "internal school of choice" form and return it by March 9, 2009. We will make every effort to accommodate your request based upon availability (i.e. class size), however; you will be responsible to provide your child's transportation.
- 4Q: If an internal school of choice is granted, is that child guaranteed to stay there through all of their elementary years?
- 4A: It is our intention that once a child is assigned to an elementary that for the duration of his/her elementary experience that school would be their school unless a change in circumstances takes place, such as the parent moves, etc. Another potential exception we see is if the district enrollment would continue to severely decline and we would have to reduce the number of schools again within the next two to three years.
- 5Q: What if in the middle of the year we move to a new school zone?
- 5A: Your child would be welcome to stay in his/her original school for the remainder of the year of the move, but the parent would be responsible for providing transportation. We will only be able to provide transportation within the school zone; not across school zones.

Continued on back →

- 6Q: How will you get students from CPS Child Care to Galewood and Parkview?
- 6A: CPS Child Care is in the Washington school zone. Similar to other daycare providers, school transportation will be provided to Washington Elementary. Students assigned to Galewood and Parkview will be transported at the expense of CPS Child Care.
- 7Q: What about several buses traveling down the roads in relation to my child's building assignment?
- 7A: The center of the road is the separation line between zones and the building assignment and we will have to adhere to this separation. This is a common practice by many districts. Main roads often have buses travel them to increase efficiency of travel. The District attempts to have mostly right side of the road pick-ups and drop-offs to avoid children crossing the road for maximum safety. Occasionally, it is unavoidable, but a strong effort is made to accommodate the right side loading and unloading.
- 8Q: When will Neighborhood School Zones take effect?
- 8A: The new zones, approved in concept by the Board of Education, will take effect at the start of the 2009-2010 school year.
- 9Q: How were the zones drawn up?
- 9A: The zones were created by assessing and evaluating several factors such as: student safety; building capacity; classroom capacity; population demographics across the CPS district; utilization of main/common roads that people could identify; and transportation efficiencies.

For additional information please visit www.charlottenet.org