



## WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Attendance Exception Request • 2021-2022

Please print and submit completed request to the school office where you would like your child to attend.  
A separate form should be used for each child. Attendance exceptions are granted for one school year only.

**Note to Parent/Guardian:** Please submit your request as early as possible and no later than August 1 (unless you are a new resident to the District) to be considered for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents will be notified as soon as a decision is made and no later than July 16, 2021. It is important to note, submission of paperwork does not guarantee your request will be approved. To review the guidelines used in determining attendance exceptions, please refer to page 3.

**All information is to be filled in for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested Start Date of Exception: \_\_\_\_\_

Was an attendance exception request for this child approved last school year (2020-2021)? ☐ No ☐ Yes

List below, ALL other children living at your home who are enrolled in West Shore S.D., regardless of whether or not you are requesting an exception for them. Please include first and last name. If not applicable, write "N/A."

#### Reason for this request (attach additional information if needed or requested):

☐ **Senior Exception**

☐ **Child Care** - Grade K-5 only

Child Care Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Emotional Reasons** - Letter from psychiatrist must be attached.

☐ **Physical Issues** - List reasons below and/or attach letter from medical professional.

☐ **Moving WITHIN the West Shore S.D.** - Reminder: Notify the Registration Office at 717-938-9577 after you move.

Future Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Move: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Moving INTO the West Shore S.D.**

Current School District: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Move: \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Moving OUT of the West Shore S.D.**

Future School District: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Move: \_\_\_\_\_  
Future Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

### Building Office Use

*Principals are reminded to follow Board Policy 206: Assignment Within District and the attached guidelines when reviewing exception requests.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - Principal of Receiving School      Date      ☐ Approve  
☐ Disapprove

Comments/Considerations

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### Student Services Department Use

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - Student Services Administrator      Date      ☐ Approve  
☐ Disapprove

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reasons supporting decision:

- ☐ Not consistent with Board Policy
- ☐ Space not available
- ☐ Administratively Approved
- ☐ Special Considerations (explain below)
- ☐ Approved for current school year ONLY
- ☐ Approved, but transportation is parent's responsibility
- ☐ Transportation Exception is permitted to/from childcare
- ☐ Other Comments/Considerations (explain below)

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#### Student will be assigned to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Cliff    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairview           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Land       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Creek      |
|                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Highland           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allen          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hillside           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crossroads     | <input type="checkbox"/> Newberry           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Cumberland | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Mill           |
|                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Rossmoyne          |
|                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Heights |



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### Guidelines for Administrative Approval of Attendance Exceptions

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Attendance exceptions for the new school year must be submitted no later than **August 1** (unless you are a new resident to the district) and may be granted for the following reasons:

1. **Child Care** – If child care is outside of the home school attendance area (grades K-5 only). Before and after-school care, also known as “latchkey” services are provided at every school and are not a reason for requesting an exception.
2. **Emotional Reasons** - If a request is being made for emotional reasons, attach a letter from a psychiatrist to the exception request (required).
3. **Physical Issues** – If a student has needs that cannot be met in their home school building (example: need for elevators or air conditioning). If not already included in student’s Special Education Plan, attach a letter or note from a medical professional (required).
4. **Moving WITHIN the District** – Move must occur prior to November 1 or after March 31. Simply “moving” prior to March 31 is not a reason for granting an attendance exception request.
5. **Moving INTO the District** – Must occupy residence prior to November 1. Proof of residency documentation is required (i.e. lease, deed, mortgage or settlement statement). If building a home, along with a building permit, the following must be attached to the exception request: a construction agreement indicating the date of occupancy; or a notarized statement from a realtor or builder showing the residence address and date of occupancy. **NOTE:** If not a resident of the West Shore School District by the date indicated, parent/guardian may be subject to tuition payments.
6. **Moving OUT of the District** – Move must occur after March 31 (grades K-10 only). For juniors and seniors, move must occur after March 31 of the junior year.

### Important Information Regarding Attendance Exceptions

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- An Attendance Exception Request will not be granted for any grade level within a school, regardless of the reason, if the class size is within two students of the maximum class size permitted by Board guidelines.
- Transportation for child care within the same attendance area: A Transportation Exception Request (available on the District website) must also be submitted to the building where you want your child to attend. Applies to transportation to/from child care to building where you want your child to attend only. Child care must be in the same attendance area as the building where you want your child to attend.
- Transportation not meeting the guideline above will not be granted and is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- Families of students in grades K-10 that move outside the District, on or after April 1, are subject to tuition payments calculated on a daily basis.
- Students moving within the district after November 1 who are attending a school which is not their “home” school must return to their “home” school as determined by residence. Exceptions to the November 1 date will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Parents requesting an Attendance Exception will be notified as soon as a decision is made and no later than July 16, 2021.