

## MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8) EXCEPTION TO ATTENDANCE PETITION

School boundaries are established with regard to student population within each school, and students are expected to enroll at the school assigned to their residential area. However, the school district recognizes that circumstances occasionally warrant an exception to this policy. Parents may request enrollment of their child(ren) at a school outside their assigned attendance area by completing the information requested below and submitting the petition to the principal at the school requested. Petitions must be completed prior to January 31. The petition approval is specific to this school. Once the building principal has approved the petition, the school will remain the student's home school until the student leaves or school boundaries are changed.\* The following guidelines are considered in the enrollment decision:

- 1) Parents reside within the Fargo School District.
- 2) Space is available within the grade level requested.
- 3) Classes meeting the educational requirements of the student are available.
- 4) Appropriate services can be provided within the case load of existing staff.
- 5) Attendance and conduct history is satisfactory.
- 6) Parents assume responsibility for reliable transportation.
- 7) Petitions must be submitted by January 31 (preparation time for the programming needs of the student).
- 8) The decision of the building level principal is final.
- 9) \*When school boundaries are changed, all existing petitions become null and void. Parents must then reapply to the desired school's principal. Petition approvals will not be automatic.

**NOTE:** A student may complete the semester in progress at the time of the move without a petition. If the student wishes to remain the following semester, a petition must be submitted.

*Parents/legal guardians of a student who is attending a school on an Exception to Attendance petition may not assume that they will be permitted to remain in that school or move to the high school associated with that building until they have completed the highest level of education offered at that site. Upon completion of attendance at a school the parents will be expected to enroll their child at the next level of education in the school where they reside.*

A. School Requested \_\_\_\_\_ School of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

B. Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Requested \_\_\_\_\_

C. Name of parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

D. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E. Effective date of desired placement \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Request \_\_\_ Continuing Request

F. What, if any, special education or adaptive services are required? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for preference \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Parent

Date Signed

Districts' Decision: (circle one)	Enrollment Granted	Enrollment Denied	
Reason if Denied _____			
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Principal Requested School (initial)	Date	Principal Resident School (initial)	Date