

**UNSAFE SCHOOLS**  
(Persistently Dangerous Schools)

The Board complies with State and Federal law in adopting a policy on persistently dangerous schools.

Beginning in the 2004-2005 school year, a student attending a “persistently dangerous” school in this District or who becomes a victim of a “violent criminal offense,” “as determined by State law”, anywhere on District “grounds” or during school-sponsored activities is allowed to attend another school in the District that is not persistently dangerous that offers instruction at the student’s grade level. However, there is no transfer option if there is no other school in this District that offers instruction at the student’s grade level.

A “persistently dangerous” school is defined by State law as a school that has two or more violent criminal offenses in or on school grounds, per 100 students, in each of two consecutive school years. In schools with 300 or fewer students enrolled, six or more violent criminal offenses must occur. Likewise, if a school has 1350 or more students enrolled, 27 or more violent criminal offenses must occur in each of two consecutive school years.

“Violent criminal offense” refers to any violent criminal offense set forth and defined in State law as violent in nature.

“As determined by State law” means that the student has been identified as the victim and the perpetrator has pled guilty to, been adjudicated or convicted of a violent criminal offense in an Ohio court.

“Grounds” includes school bus transportation to and from school and school-sponsored activities and designated bus stops.

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LEGAL REFS.: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.  
OAC 3301-35-02; 3301-35-04

CROSS REFS.: JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)  
JFCJ, Weapons in the Schools  
Student Handbooks