



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Dual Assignment/Attendance Zones: 2015-2016

**Q: If I live in a dual zone assignment/attendance area (FES/PGS or JES/PGS), where do I register my rising kindergartner for the 2015-2016 school year?**

- Rising kindergarten children **without older siblings** in the dual assignment/attendance zone will register at Poplar Grove for the 2015-2016 school year and remain there until the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Rising kindergartners in the dual assignment/attendance zone **with older siblings** in FSSD schools may enroll at Poplar Grove; however older siblings will only be transferred to PGS if there is space available.

**Q. What does the phrase Assignment/Attendance Zone mean?**

A policy adopted in 2012 enabled most Poplar Grove students at that time (2011-2012) to be grandfathered at their current school as the district was going through the process of rezoning. Instability in enrollment necessitated the creation of **Assignment/Attendance Zones** to handle student capacity within the Poplar Grove, Franklin Elementary and Johnson Elementary zones. Therefore, if you reside in a dual assignment/attendance zone (PGS/FES or PGS/JES), the school district may assign your student to **either** of the two schools within that dual zone, based on building capacity. Within the next few years, we anticipate the elimination of the two dual zones and the opportunity to move strictly to attendance zones. At that time, there will be fewer grandfathered students, thus resolving many of Poplar Grove's capacity issues.

**Q: If I move into a dual zone assignment/attendance area (FES/PGS or JES/PGS), where do I register my children for the 2015-2016 school year?**

- Families who live in the dual assignment/attendance zone and whose children will be starting school for the first time in the FSSD, will register at Poplar Grove for the 2015-2016 school year. The same is true for new families who move into the dual zone. If capacity becomes an issue at PGS, students **may be** assigned to Franklin Elementary/Johnson Elementary, Freedom Intermediate or Freedom Middle, depending on the dual zone in which they live and their grade level. However, every effort will be made to place zoned students at Poplar Grove if they live in that attendance area.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The school district continually analyzes student enrollment and capacity at Poplar Grove. Every effort will be made to not disrupt families within the dual zones who desire to remain at Johnson Elementary and Franklin Elementary once their children have begun attending those two schools. The same effort will be made for students attending Freedom Intermediate and Freedom Middle.

**Q: I live in a dual assignment/attendance zone and want to transition my children to PGS instead of finishing in my current school. May I do that?**

Students already enrolled in the dual zone areas will remain in their current school/feeder pattern through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **Poplar Grove is at capacity or near capacity in some grades.** However, families with children at Johnson Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Freedom Intermediate and/or Freedom Middle who live within the dual zones and want to move forward in the transition to Poplar Grove will be given consideration. If a written transfer request is made by eligible families (i.e.: residing within the dual assignment zones), the Director of Schools will take into account space availability of the affected FSSD schools prior to any decision. Those requests may be made by email ([dsnowden@fssd.org](mailto:dsnowden@fssd.org)) or by postal mail (Attention: FSSD Director of Schools, 507 New Highway 96 West, Franklin, TN 37064) for the upcoming school year.

**Q: If I live in a dual zone assignment/attendance area, will Poplar Grove eventually become the zoned school for my neighborhood?**

Eventually, the two dual assignment/attendance zones will become the full attendance zone for Poplar Grove. In the meantime, the infusion of students from those dual-zoned areas into Poplar Grove will occur as more and more space becomes available. Students who were enrolled in Poplar Grove during the 2011-2012 school year have the option to continue at that school through the eighth grade, so capacity for the next few years will be an issue.

**Q: What is the 2015-2016 assignment/attendance area of Poplar Grove?**

Poplar Grove has an attendance area that will phase in over a number of years. Students who were “grandfathered” in the 2012-2013 school year are progressively moving/transitioning, which opens up space for dual-zoned students. Poplar Grove will continue to serve grandfathered students from all over the district, as well as zoned students, until the phase-in is complete. The dual assignment/attendance zone map may be viewed online at [www.fssd.org](http://www.fssd.org).

**Q: If I live in a dual assignment/attendance zone and my child currently attends a private school (or is home schooled or new to the district) and I want to enroll in the FSSD, which schools will my child attend?**

For the 2015-2016 school year, new families in the dual zones will register at Poplar Grove. However, if the school reaches capacity, the Director of Schools may assign students to the other school in your dual zone. For instance, if you move into the FES/PGS zone and Poplar Grove is at capacity in your child(ren)’s grade, your family **may** be assigned to Franklin Elementary, Freedom Intermediate or Freedom Middle instead, depending on the grade level.

**Q: Will my pre-kindergarten child be allowed to continue in the school to which they are currently assigned?**

While every attempt is made to allow students to attend pre-kindergarten in their school zone, many times space is not available and they may be assigned to a class that is out-of-zone for their pre-kindergarten year. Regardless of where your child presently attends pre-kindergarten, he/she will be assigned to your zoned school for kindergarten.