

Upon written request to the superintendent by a parent, legal guardian, or student victim 18 years or older, any student who is the victim of a violent criminal offense that occurs on the property of a public school in which the student is enrolled, while attending a school-sponsored event that occurs on the property of a public school, or while attending an event under the jurisdiction of a public school shall be permitted to transfer to a safe public school. The transfer shall occur within ten school days of the commission of the violent criminal offense and to the extent possible, shall allow the victim to transfer to a school that is making adequately yearly progress and has not been identified as being in school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring.

Upon written request of a parent, legal guardian, or student 18 years or older to the superintendent or his designee, a student may transfer from a school identified as a persistently dangerous school as defined by State Board of Education Rule 160-4-8-.16 and be assigned to a safe public school within 30 days of the request.

A persistently dangerous school is defined as a public school in which for each of three consecutive years on the property of the public school, or at an event within the jurisdiction of a public school, or at a school sponsored event:

1. At least one student enrolled in that school is found by official action to have committed an offense in violation of a school rule that involved one or more of the following criminal offenses:
  - (i) Aggravated battery (O.C.G.A. § 16-5-24)
  - (ii) Aggravated child molestation (O.C.G.A. § 16-6-4)
  - (iii) Aggravated sexual battery (O.C.G.A. § 16-6-22.2)
  - (iv) Aggravated sodomy (O.C.G.A. § 16-6-2)
  - (v) Armed robbery (O.C.G.A. § 16-8-41)
  - (vi) Arson—first degree (O.C.G.A. § 16-7-60)
  - (vii) Kidnapping (O.C.G.A. § 16-5-40)
  - (viii) Murder (O.C.G.A. § 16-5-1)
  - (ix) Rape (O.C.G.A. § 16-6-1)
  - (x) Voluntary manslaughter (O.C.G.A. § 16-5-2)

or

2. Two percent or more of the student population or ten students, whichever is greater, are found by official action to have committed an offense in violation of a school rule that involved one or more of the following offenses:
  - (i) Non-felony drugs (O.C.G.A. § 16-13-2)
  - (ii) Felony drugs (O.C.G.A. § 16-13-127.1)

- (iii) Felony weapons (O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1)
- (iv) Terroristic threats (O.C.G.A. § 16-11-37)

or

**3. Any combination of Category 1 or 2.**

**Within ten days of notification by the Georgia Department of Education that a school has been identified as a persistently dangerous school, the superintendent or his designee will notify all parents and legal guardians of students enrolled in the school of the persistently dangerous school designation and of the process used for the transfer of students to a safe public school.**

**ADOPTED: JUNE 27, 2006**

**PROCEDURE: NO**

**REVISED:**

**Columbia County Board of Education**