



No Child Left Behind Unsafe Schools Choice Options



What is the unsafe schools choice option?

Students in unsafe situations must be allowed to transfer to other—safer—public school! The student is not required to transfer, but the school must make the offer. Transfers must be allowed under the following two conditions:

1. When a *school* is identified by the state as “persistently dangerous.”

In NH, a persistently dangerous school is a school in which three of the following acts have occurred as separate incidents during the period of one school year for three consecutive years:

- Homicide
- First or second degree assault
- Aggravated felonious sexual assault
- Arson
- Robbery as a Class A Felony
- Unlawful possession or sale of a firearm or other dangerous weapon

The acts must occur within the school or school grounds, during the regular school day, during a school-sponsored event, or during transportation of pupils to or from school, if transportation is provided by the school district.

When will I be notified if my child’s school has been designated as persistently dangerous?

Schools classified as persistently dangerous must notify you within five days of the school being classified this way. The school must also communicate the fact that students have the option of transferring to a different school within the district if they would like to.

NH does not have any schools currently classified as persistently dangerous.

2. When a *student* is the victim of a violent crime (as defined by NH Laws) that takes place in or on the grounds of the public school.

“School grounds” includes school buses and school events such as athletic games and field trips.



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