

### General Guidelines

1. A “persistently dangerous school” is a public school in which conditions during the past two school years continually exposed its students to injury from violent criminal offense as determined by the State of North Carolina.
2. “Violent criminal offenses” are the following crimes as reported in the “School Crime and Violence Report”:
  - Assault Resulting in Serious Injury
  - Assault Involving Use of a Weapon
  - Death By Other Than Natural Causes (Homicide)
  - Kidnapping
  - Rape
  - Robbery With a Dangerous Weapon (Armed Robbery)
  - Robbery Without a Dangerous Weapon
  - Sexual Assault (Not Involving Rape or Sexual Offense)
  - Sexual Offense
  - Taking Indecent Liberties With a Minor
3. A persistently dangerous school is one that has been so designated by the State Board of Education by notification to the local superintendent by letter. A school designated as a persistently dangerous school shall serve a probationary period as required by the state. A traditional school is immediately placed on a one-year probationary period, and an alternative school shall be placed on a two-year probationary period. The school is required to revise its Safe Schools Plan. A copy of the revised plan shall be submitted to the State Board of Education within 30 days of notification.
4. Students assigned to a persistently dangerous school shall be allowed to attend another school in the school district which is not designated a persistently dangerous school, provided there is such a school in the school district which offers instruction at the student’s grade level and/or subject(s).
5. Any student who is the victim of a violent criminal offense committed against him or her while he or she was in or on the grounds of the public school that he or she attends shall be allowed to transfer to another school in the school district which is not designated a persistently dangerous school, provided there is such a school in the school district which offers instruction at the student’s grade level and/or subject(s), and provided the student requests a transfer within 30 calendar days of the violent criminal offense.

- ~~6. The local school district shall establish a process for assuring that any student who requests a transfer upon meeting the conditions set forth in the policy shall have this policy approved. A description of this process shall be included in the system's Safe Schools Plan.~~
- ~~7. The LEA shall report each student transfer request pursuant to this policy to the State Board of Education in its "School Crime and Violence Report."~~

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