

Normandy parents sue over school transfer changes

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ST. LOUIS (AP) _ A group of Normandy school district parents has filed suit over changes to student attendance rules that limit the number of students who can transfer to better-performing schools.

Seven parents filed a lawsuit Monday in St. Louis County Circuit Court against the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state Board of Education and the newly formed Normandy Schools Collaborative. The complaint also names the Brentwood, Clayton, Ladue, Parkway, Pattonville and Ritenour school systems.

The suit comes after Missouri officials disbanded the unaccredited Normandy system in favor of a newly named entity under state oversight. That decision allows school districts that had previously accepted Normandy transfers to limit the numbers of those students in the coming school year, or to not take any children from the Normandy district.