

## SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS

The Division endorses the concept of “neighbourhood schools” with the intent that students be able to attend, whenever viable, a school to which they can walk or be transported and still be within close proximity to their home. Exceptions may arise when students elect to participate in programs such as French Immersion.

The school catchment areas are established to assist with:

- planning and administration;
- best use of school facilities;
- equalization of enrollments in classrooms;
- natural barriers, and traffic hazards and patterns;

While it is preferred that students attend the school located in the catchment area in which they reside, families may direct requests to the principal of their school of choice. Decisions shall be made in compliance with provincial legislation and regulations respecting Schools of Choice and any accompanying guidelines. In some instances the Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources or the Assistant Superintendent – Student Support Services may be requested to review the request and advise the school’s administration.

Decisions to establish, modify, or alter the boundaries of school catchment areas will be made on the basis of the operational needs of the school system, demographic data, and the impact on the students of the Division. Any recommendation for establishment or alteration of catchment areas will include an analysis and justification based upon these factors.

The Division maintains a school locator web site on the Divisional web site to assist parents and students in the determination of their assigned catchment area school.

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