



Shaftesbury High School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Students residing within the Pembina Trails School Division are encouraged to attend the high school designated for their residential catchment area. However, families may apply to enroll their child at Shaftesbury High School if they live outside of the school's catchment area, or if they reside outside of the Pembina Trails School Division, through the School of Choice (SOC) process.

The information below outlines the procedures and criteria for **high school (Grades 9–12) School of Choice applications** to Shaftesbury High School.

School of Choice Applications for High School (Grades 9–12)

School of Choice applications for high school may be submitted directly to Shaftesbury High School beginning at **8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026**, for the 2026–2027 school year. Applications will be time-stamped upon receipt and will not be accepted prior to this date.

All School of Choice applications are reviewed and approved by the school principal in consultation with the Assistant Superintendent: Personnel & Education Services, in accordance with provincial guidelines. Applications must be submitted by **May 15, 2026**, to be considered for the following school year. Applications received after May 15 will not be considered.

Factors That Do Not Influence Acceptance

Please note that the following factors do not influence the approval of a School of Choice application:

- Parental pressure
- Older siblings having previously attended the school
- Individual student strengths or needs

Factors That Influence Acceptance

The following criteria are used when considering School of Choice applications:

- Early submission of the application (applications are date-stamped)
- Priority is assigned in the following order:
 1. Students living within the Pembina Trails School Division with a sibling currently attending Shaftesbury High School
 2. Students living within the Pembina Trails School Division
 3. Students living outside the division with a sibling currently attending Shaftesbury High School
 4. Students living outside the division

The ability for Shaftesbury High School to accept School of Choice applications is also influenced by overall school population, physical capacity, and grade-by-grade availability.

Once we receive your fully completed application, we will respond with an email to confirm receipt of your application.