

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

Background

It is important to set attendance boundaries for each school in the Division to allow for the efficient utilization of school facilities and resources and to allow for effective program planning.

Procedures

1. The Board will designate schools which will accommodate students residing within defined geographical areas of the Division and/or students requiring particular instructional programs.
2. The Superintendent will ensure that school designations remain current and are communicated to parents and the public within the Division.
3. The Division recognizes its obligation, as outlined in the Education Act, to accept as an enrolled student a student residing outside a defined attendance area, if sufficient resources and facilities are available.
 - 3.1 Parents/guardians may request that a student attend a school outside of their designated attendance area. The school outside of the student's designated attendance area is known as the "School of Choice". The Principal of the requested school will contact the Principal of the designated school to discuss the request and confirm that the requested school has the space and resources available to accept a student outside of their designated attendance area.
 - 3.2 An agreement to allow a student to attend a "School of Choice" is valid for one school year. In order to attend the "School of Choice" for the following school year, the parents/guardians would need to once again request of the receiving school, that their child attend a "School of Choice". The "School of Choice" will provide the parent/guardian with a letter indicating that their child's registration will be valid for one school year.
 - 3.3 Transportation for "School of Choice" students may or may not be available. In some instances, those students may only be accommodated by meeting an existing regular program bus on route in the attendance area of that school, as outlined in Board Policy 17 – Student Transportation Services and to Administrative Procedure 561 Student - Transportation Boundaries and Fees.
4. The Superintendent or designate will establish and oversee administrative procedures to guide student relocations.
5. Attendance boundary maps can be viewed on the Division website.

Reference: Section 4, 7, 11, 21, 32, 33, 52, 53, 59, 197, 222 Education Act