

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

STUDENT CATCHMENT AREAS – CROSS-BOUNDARY TRANSFER

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1. Changes in catchment areas, if required, shall be determined and approved by the Board not later than March 1, to be implemented in September.
2. Transfer of a student to a school outside of his/her catchment area will be considered upon written application of the parent to the Superintendent of Schools or designate, on or before the last Friday in March prior to Spring Break.
3. Approval of transfer is to be based on space availability in the requested school. Space availability is deemed to exist when there is expected, based on reasonable projections, to be capacity to provide the student or applicant with an educational program appropriate to his or her needs, taking into account physical and educational resources.

The Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent of Schools or designate, the decisions as to whether space is available in individual schools and educational programs.

Decisions on space and facilities availability will be made in consultation with the principal of the affected school and will be based on consideration of the following factors:

- the operating capacity of the school as defined by the Ministry of Education
- staff assigned to a school by the District
- the physical space in which instructional programs operate in the school
- the ability of the school to provide appropriate educational programs for the applicant and other students
- the needs of other programs located in the school

If space and facilities are determined to be available, enrolment in educational programs in the school will be offered in the following priority order, provided that application deadlines and requirements are met:

- catchment area child who attended the school during the previous school year
 - other catchment area child
 - non-catchment area child
 - non-school district child
4. Students who reside within a defined school catchment area will be given placement priority up to September 30th of any school year. Transfer students may be returned to their catchment area school, or, upon a parent's request, to another District 69 school (subject to space availability) up to and including September 30th of any school year.
 5. A student who has spent the previous school year in an approved cross-boundary placement at a District 69 school will be deemed to be a catchment area student for the duration of his/her attendance at the school. This status will be retained upon transition to the secondary school which students from that school would normally attend based on district catchment areas.

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6. Siblings of students (who, by nature of Regulation #5 above are considered “students of this school’s catchment area”) will, at the request of the parent through the completion of the district’s Student Transfer Request form, be considered catchment area students for this school.
7. Access to District programs, such as Collaborative Education Alternative Program (CEAP), PASS/Woodwinds Alternate School or French Immersion, is not subject to Transfer Request approval.
8. Transportation or transportation assistance will be provided (subject to Board Policy 7054) for a student who cannot attend his or her catchment area school because space is not available.
9. Transportation for a student choosing to attend a non-catchment area school or district program is the responsibility of the parent.

References:

- *The School Act (Sections 74.1, 75, and 75.1)*
- *Board Policy 7015: Student Catchment Areas – Cross-Boundary Transfer*
- *Board Policy 7054: Transportation of Students by District School Bus Service*
- *Cross Boundary Transfer Form*