



## Amy Woodland Elementary School (AWES)

### Catchment Boundary Review and 2025-2026 Information

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#### Catchment Boundary Review Summary

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##### Survey Results

The District received 119 responses to the survey that closed on January 3, 2025. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback on the options presented.

- **Response to a Full Catchment Boundary Review:**

-  The respondents were split approximately 50/50 on reviewing all Cranbrook catchment boundaries. Based on this limited number of respondents compared to the approximate student population (3,300), a complete review of all Cranbrook Catchment Boundaries will not be completed at this time until the District receives further information on the future of AWES.

- **Response to the Preferred Options Dividing AWES Catchment Along 11 Avenue South:**

-  A clear majority (87.7%) of respondents supported the preferred option of dividing the AWES catchment along 11 Avenue S. Therefore, at the public meeting of the Board of Education on January 14, 2025, this option was approved for a February 1, 2025 effective date.

##### Key Themes from Feedback

Respondents noted the need to balance enrollments and minimize student disruptions, prioritize sibling and peer group continuity, and address transportation challenges. Some respondents noted “change fatigue” given the catchment boundary changes that were completed during the 2023-24 school year in addition to the significant disruptions created by emergency situations as reasons not to pursue further significant changes in the short-term until more information is available. There was significant emphasis placed on ensuring that families and students impacted by AWES disruption continue to be supported by the District.

The Board of Education ensures that all decisions would continue to be made through a lens of transparency and long-term sustainability with the intent to avoid multiple year-to-year solutions that introduce further uncertainty to impacted students and families.



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## Important Notes for AWES Families for the 2025-2026 School Year

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### No Action Needed for AWES Catchment Families

Families satisfied with their current school and residing in the AWES catchment **do not need to submit transfer requests.**

### Out-of-Catchment Families

Catchment areas continue to be determined by your current address. Families wishing to continue out-of-catchment attendance must submit a [formal request](#) annually.

### Kindergarten Placements with Amended AWES Catchment Boundary

Kindergarten placements will follow updated catchment boundaries. However, parents may request [out-of-catchment placement](#) to keep siblings together and the District will prioritize transfer requests with this reason stated.

### Transportation

Bussing will remain available from AWES to elementary schools in Cranbrook.

Transportation will not be provided to Laurie Middle School for the 2025–2026 school year because there will no longer be elementary-aged students attending Laurie Middle School.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### Is it necessary to complete out-of-catchment requests on an annual basis?

The District will track student placements using the internal MyEducation BC system. Students that were impacted by the AWES fire will not be required to complete an out-of-catchment transfer request each year. They should only complete this form if they would like to transfer to a different school. For example, grade one students at Highlands Elementary School that want to stay at Highlands do not need to complete a transfer request. However, if these students have a sibling at another elementary school, then the family should complete a transfer request and note this reason.

Priority will be given to requests citing the need to keep siblings together. If the requested school cannot accommodate all siblings, efforts will be made to place them together elsewhere.

All other families must continue to complete an out-of-catchment request on an annual basis.



## When will School Locator be updated so that I know which school my student should attend in the 2025-26 school year?

[School Locator](#) will be updated prior to the effective date of February 1, 2025, to reflect finalized amended catchment boundaries for new kindergarten students living in the AWES catchment. If your catchment changes from AWES to Highlands, the locator will show only Highlands as the catchment school. A comprehensive list of placements will be available at the Board Office for reference to support any families that have additional questions.

As noted above, students that are already placed in a school as a result of the AWES fire will continue to stay at that school unless the family requests a different school.

## Will my student continue to receive transportation from AWES?

Bussing will remain available for elementary-aged students relocated as a result of the AWES fire. Students that transfer schools this upcoming year (e.g. from Highlands to Pinewood) will also continue to receive transportation from AWES.

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## Conclusion

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The amendment to the AWES catchment boundary along 11 Avenue South, was approved at the January 14, 2025 meeting of the Board of Education and is effective **February 1, 2025**.

Transportation support will continue for elementary-aged students in the AWES catchment.

The District strongly recommends families to complete a transfer request for those wanting to keep siblings together. Priority will be given to impacted AWES families during this transfer process.

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## Important Links:

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[Registration Pages](#)

[Online Portal Kindergarten Registration Information](#) (StrongStart students do not need to re-register)

[Request for Student Placement Form](#)

[Other Registration Forms and Documents](#)

[School Locator](#)

[Administrative Procedure 300](#)

[Contact Us](#)