

SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS

Background

The District is obligated to provide educational programs and services for eligible students who live within the geographical boundaries of the District. This eligibility is defined in Administrative Procedure 300 – Student Registration, Enrolment and Placement.

Students who are resident within the District are generally expected to attend their neighbourhood school according to catchment areas defined by the Board. All students who are resident within the District are considered within catchment for the District's online learning school, Kootenay Discovery School. Updated catchment areas are found on the District website.

The District may, from time to time, see the need to offer students a program at a school that is not their catchment area school. Potential reasons can include, but are not limited to, enrollment in a specialized program or for safety/support needs.

Space permitting, students may attend a school outside their catchment area.

Procedures

1. Maps of the District defining the [catchment areas for each school](#) will be maintained. Amendments to a school's catchment area must be approved by the Board.
2. Parents of students desiring to have their child attend a school outside of their catchment area may request a transfer.
3. School bus transportation may not be available to students whose parents have requested a transfer to a school outside the student's catchment area.
4. Students whose residence changes during the school year may either stay at their current school or attend the school in their new catchment area if space and educational service permit.

Reference: Sections 2, 3, 3.1, 7, 20, 22, 65, 74.1, 75, 75.1, 85 School Act

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