

School District #62 (Sooke)

SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS AND STUDENT PLACEMENT	No.: F-502
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SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Recognizing the constraints of transportation, programs and facilities, the Board of School Trustees will establish school attendance areas, and may adjust these from time to time as necessary. School attendance areas are available from the district web site (www.sd62.bc.ca) and in print at the Board office and schools.

The Board recognizes, however, that special programs, family arrangements, course requirements, parent/student preference and perhaps other circumstances will lead to requests for some students to enroll in a school other than the one in whose attendance area they reside. In general, and within the constraints noted above, the Board supports a "flexible boundary" system as far as it is applicable in a rapidly expanding area, and directs that, within the guidelines of policy and regulations, school change applications be approved where possible. The Superintendent of Schools and/or the principal of the school involved may make exceptions when the interests of students and/or the district are better served.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop procedures for dealing with school change requests, and shall outline these procedures in Administrative Regulations. Approval of requests shall follow these guidelines.

A. Program Related Requests

If the district recommends that the student enroll in a program which is only available in another school, approval of the request shall be automatic. Family-initiated requests to change schools where the neighbourhood school does not offer that course or programme required by the student shall be approved if space is available.

B. General Requests

1. The receiving principal must be satisfied that there is adequate accommodation at the appropriate grade level in the requested school.
2. The parent/guardian assumes responsibility for transportation if the situation does not meet the requirements of Board policy on student transportation.
3. Efforts shall be made by the District office to resolve any difficulties between home and school which may have given rise to the school change request.