

## **Out of Catchment Policy Q & A**

### **What is the Board's Out of Catchment practice?**

A principal may consider Out of Catchment requests and register students who are requesting Out of Catchment consideration if spaces exist within the school.

### **What is the criteria for determining if a school can accept Out of Catchment students?**

If the school is deemed to have space within the building for additional students.

### **Who approves the application?**

Principal of school, and his/her decision is final.

### **When do I have to apply for Out of Catchment and when will I find out if my application was approved? Is there a timeline for the application process?**

Third Monday of February	Out of Catchment applications are available to parents/guardian, upon request.
Last day of February	Final date for parents/guardians to submit Out of Catchment application after which principals will confirm his/her decision and will communicate the decision to the parent/guardian and the home school principal.
First day of March	Principals can create Out of Catchment waiting lists based upon requests that were denied due to lack of space and/or late requests.
March 1 to June 1	Principals may register Out of Catchment students from the wait list as spaces become available, in consultation with the home school principal, and using the criteria outlined in the application form.

### **Can my child attend a daycare at a school that is Out of Catchment?**

Yes, your child can attend a daycare at a school that is Out of Catchment. Please see the daycare provider for registration process.

### **My child is in a daycare at a school Out of Catchment. Can they go to that school for kindergarten**

Yes, your child can attend Kindergarten in the Out of Catchment school.

**If I have a child already attending a school Out of Catchment, will my other children be able to attend the same school?**

Only if the school is accepting Out of Catchment applications.

**Can my child stay in the Out of Catchment area when moving from Elementary to Secondary school?**

No, a new Out of Catchment request is required for secondary school.

**If my child is accepted at an Out of Catchment school, could they be asked to return to their home school if enrolment increases?**

No, once an Out of Catchment request is accepted the student will be allowed to attend the school until graduation from the school in which the Out of Catchment application was granted.

**Will my Child received transportation to their Out of Catchment school?**

Transportation is not provided for Out of Catchment students.

**Is there a list of schools that are accepting, or not accepting Out of Catchment students?**

Yes, it is posted on our website and is updated annually.

**When does the principle review the Out of Catchment opportunities for secondary schools?**

Early in the calendar year.

**Can my child attend a French Immersion school that is Out of Catchment?**

No. There are no Out of Catchment acceptances at French Immersion schools.

**I have a French Immersion school within my catchment area that I would like my child to attend in JK. Can I enrol them in this school (Courtesy JK Registration)?**

The French Immersion Program starts at SK level. However, the Board offers courtesy JK registration to those students living inside the French Immersion boundary. If the student leaves the French Immersion Program at a later date, he/she will not be permitted to remain in the school.

Please note that the following schools are not offering courtesy JK in 2011/12 for French Immersion students living in their French Immersion boundary due to extreme overcrowding/capacity issues at the school:

- Lawfield
- Norwood Park
- Guy Brown