

AP 302 – School Boundaries and Catchment Areas

Purpose

The Board of Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools shall establish school boundaries/catchment areas, based on recommendations from the Superintendent of Schools.

School boundaries shall be determined after consultation with the affected communities and due consideration of all relevant factors, including:

- the present school enrolments and future population trends in the district;
- the accommodation available in the schools;
- the accessibility of the school to the pupils;
- the safety of the students in going to and from the school; and
- the availability of transportation.

Boundary decisions will normally be made no later than the January prior to the commencement of instruction in a new school or a school undergoing school boundary/catchment area revisions.

Although all reasonable attempts are made to provide students with a placement in their catchment-area school, subject to timelines set each year students may need to be accommodated in a school other than their catchment-area school, particularly when students do not register within the established timelines, subject to *AP 303 – Student Registration and School Choice*.

The Board supports the provision of choice for attending schools other than the catchment-area school and for attending District programs where space and facilities permit. Refer to *AP 303 – Student Registration and School Choice* related to guidelines for student admission to catchment-area school, schools of choice and programs of choice.

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