

Policy Statement

All students enrolled within Eastern School Board, unless otherwise permitted under provincial legislation or regulations, shall attend a school assigned by Eastern School Board.

Rationale

The Eastern School Board recognizes that all children have a right to a public education, and acknowledges its responsibility to provide for an organized system for registering students in schools. The Board will ensure that school attendance zones are established for each school within the Eastern School District.

Scope

This policy applies to all students who live within the geographical boundaries of Eastern School District, and all schools operated by the Board.

Procedures

1. The Eastern School District will establish Administrative Regulations that govern the application of this policy.
2. The Administrative Regulations will be reviewed by the CEO/Director of Education in collaboration with District Administrative Staff.
3. The Eastern School Board will establish an attendance zone for each school within its District and each student who resides in that zone shall attend a school specified for that attendance zone.

Student Registration:

4. Application for admission will be made by registering at the school for which the student is eligible to attend, in accordance with the Board's established attendance zones.
5. Students will be assigned to schools on the basis of the parent/guardian residence. Address verification may be requested.
6. The Principal is responsible for receiving applications for admission to school. Please refer to policy for Kindergarten Registration (IHBA).

7. Parents/guardians have the right to request a transfer to another school within the Eastern School District.
8. If eligible for student transportation, transportation is only provided to the zoned school.

Student Transfers:

9. The Eastern School District will consider student transfer requests, subject to guidelines defined in the District's administrative regulations, under the following circumstances:
 - 9.1 when other siblings are in regular attendance at the school in which the transfer is being requested.
 - 9.2 when there are program availability considerations.
 - 9.3 when the ISSP or School Team recommends it.
 - 9.4 when family members of the child or his/her guardian live within the attendance zone of the school.
10. All student transfer requests shall be considered subject to space availability, programming considerations and the current staffing allocation provided to the school.
11. Appeals to student transfer requests shall be made in writing as outlined in the Board Appeals Policy.