

ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS

PREAMBLE

The BC *School Act* empowers Boards of Education to establish catchment areas for schools. These catchment areas determine priority for student enrolment based on the student's residence. Catchment areas may be adjusted as necessary to meet enrolment needs. All catchment area changes must be approved by the Burnaby Board of Education.

POLICY

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS COMMITTED TO MANAGING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOLS THROUGH THE STRATEGIC ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS.

OBJECTIVES

Catchment areas will be defined to optimize facility utilization, support community engagement, and reflect demographic trends through:

1. A transparent and consistent framework for assigning students to schools based on geographic boundaries, enrolment pressures, and facility capacity;
2. Supporting long-term planning and community needs;
3. Feedback from families, staff, and partner groups where changes to catchment areas are deemed necessary;
4. Publicly sharing the process for establishing and revising catchment areas; and,
5. Publicly sharing changes to catchment areas.

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Cross References: