



Admission and Placement of Pupils Policy – Secondary School

CSPC Meeting

April 19, 2017



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- ▶ Stipulates the criteria for admission to secondary schools
- ▶ Been in revision for 3 years
- ▶ Being brought forward now in response to Ministry letter (Nov. 21, 2016)
 - ▶ *“Your board is strongly encouraged to implement specific catchment areas for each secondary school to better redistribute enrolment across all secondary schools.”*
- ▶ Approved in principal on April 6, 2017 Committee meeting
- ▶ Policy will be going out for Consultation
- ▶ Board wishes to approve policy by June 30th for implementation in September 2017

Board Recommendation (April 6, 2017)

- That the Board of Trustees approve the following for consultation at the level of consult:
- 1. The current draft Admissions and Placement of Secondary Pupils (APSP) policy as found in Appendix 'A', with the following amendments:
 - a. That each grade 8 student be directed to one (1) co-educational secondary school based on the proximity of the elementary school to the secondary school.
 - b. That grade 8 students have the option of selecting one (1) other coeducational secondary school. Admission may be granted pending space availability, program availability, and proximity of the secondary school of choice to the home address of the student.
- 2. That fixed attendance boundaries for each secondary school be approved.
- 3. That fixed program boundaries for secondary schools offering Regional programs be approved, including, but not limited to:
 - a. French Immersion
 - b. Extended French
 - c. Congregated Advanced Placement
 - d. Regional Arts Program
 - e. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM), Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST), and Mathematics, Science and Engineering (MSE)
 - f. International Baccalaureate Program (IB).



Key Highlights



- ▶ Student to be directed to the school closest to them (designated school)
- ▶ A child will be directed to a second school (of choice) if there is no room at the first school
- ▶ Students to be directed to closest school for specialty programs
- ▶ Siblings will not automatically be admitted to a school if older sibling is in a specialty program that is not the closest school
- ▶ If student in specialty program drops out of the program, they will need to leave the school, if they are out of area (eg. Arts program, AP, IB)
- ▶ If older sibling is at the school, younger sibling will be admitted to that school (designated school)
- ▶ Grandfathering motion approved by Trustees



Next Steps



- ▶ Review Admission Policy once policy is distributed for Consultation
- ▶ Bring forward to next CSPC meeting to highlight any key issues/comments to bring forward to the Board