

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

Enrolment projections indicate that the Greater Victoria School District could see an increase of 2,000 students over the next 10 years. This means that some schools will be limited by space and unable to accommodate all of the students who wish to attend a specific school.

Student enrolment priorities determine the order in which students will get into a school when space is limited. These priorities have not been reviewed in many years and it is important that the priorities are widely understood and reflect the community's input. The results of this parent survey will help ensure a transparent and fair process for student registration at all grade levels including French Immersion and requests to transfer to a non-catchment school. This does not apply to Programs of Choice in secondary school (e.g. Flex, Challenge, sports academies). These programs are by application.

The findings of this survey will help the Greater Victoria School District better understand the opinions and needs of parents across all grade levels, neighbourhoods and schools.

This survey is for parents. If you are a student, please complete the survey [linked here](#)

We Respect Your Privacy

We do not require your personal information for the purposes of this survey using SurveyMonkey. Your responses to the survey questions will not be attributed back to you individually; they will only be reported back in aggregate with the other responses received. When completing the survey please do not provide your name or address, or any other personal information that could identify you or other individuals. The Personal information submitted will be treated as though the School District has received your consent to disclose it to the Board of Education, staff and the public. Please note that SurveyMonkey servers are hosted outside of Canada. If you have questions about the survey, you can contact community@sd61.bc.ca

Thank you for taking the time to provide your opinions and feedback.

Who are we hearing from?

It's important we hear from parents across all of our schools and grade levels. The next few questions will help us categorize your responses. Students will be redirected to a student survey.

1. Are you a student or a parent?

- Student in the Greater Victoria School District
- Parent of a current student in the Greater Victoria School District
- Parent of a future student in the Greater Victoria School District
- Other (please specify)

Demographics

2. In which area of Greater Victoria do you live? [CRD Map](#)

- Victoria
- Esquimalt
- Oak Bay
- Saanich
- View Royal
- Highlands
- Out of District
- Not sure/Other (please specify)

3. How many children do you have?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more

4. Please indicate what grade level your child (or children) is currently enrolled in. Choose all that apply.

- Elementary school (Kindergarten to grade 5)
- Middle school (Grades 6-8)
- High school (Grades 9-12)
- I have no children enrolled currently

5. Are any of your children enrolled in French Immersion?

- Yes
- No

6. Do any of your children currently attend a school outside of your neighbourhood catchment area?

- Yes
- No

Overall Greater Victoria School District Communications

7. Please rate the following statements regarding how informed and involved you feel in School District decisions.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

I am well informed about School District decisions affecting my child's education

I have opportunity to provide input into School District decisions affecting my child's education

8. Is there anything you would like to add about this topic?

Values and Priorities

9. Which of these two priorities is most important to you?

- Neighbourhood catchment – My child is able to attend the school in my neighbourhood catchment area
- Siblings together – My children are able to attend the same non-catchment school together at the same time

10. Which of these two priorities is most important to you?

- Returning non-catchment student – A non-catchment child who attended the school the year prior
- New catchment student – A child that moves into the neighbourhood catchment

11. Please rank the following student enrolment priorities in order of their importance to you, with 1 being the most important and 3 being the least important.

<input type="text"/>	My child is able to attend my neighbourhood catchment school
<input type="text"/>	My children are able to attend the same school together at the same time
<input type="text"/>	My child can return to the non-catchment school they attended the year prior without risk of being bumped by a new catchment student

12. Are there considerations that you feel are more important than these?

Awareness and Satisfaction of Current Enrolment Priorities

13. When space is limited in a school and decisions must be made about which children are enrolled, the student enrolment priorities the Greater Victoria School District currently follows are:

1. A returning student (catchment or non-catchment)
2. Sibling of a student in attendance at the time of registration and in September of the next school year
3. A catchment area child
4. A non-catchment area child
5. A non-school district child

Were you aware of these priorities before now?

- Yes
- No

14. What is your level of agreement with the student enrolment priorities currently being followed:

1. A returning student (catchment or non-catchment)
2. Sibling of a student in attendance at the time of registration and in September of the next school year
3. A catchment area child
4. A non-catchment area child
5. A non-school district child

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly agree

15. Do you have any comments about the current student enrolment priorities?

16. If a child attends an elementary school outside of their neighbourhood catchment, should that child automatically continue through the "pathway" middle school and high school if this means a student living in the neighbourhood catchment area may not be able to attend their catchment school?

Or should a non-catchment student be required to apply to transfer at each juncture to middle school or high school?

Please select your preferred option.

- A non-catchment child should automatically follow the catchment pathway of schools
- A non-catchment child should be required to apply for a transfer at each juncture to a new school

Preferred Method of Communications

17. What are the best ways the Greater Victoria School District can keep you informed? Please select all that apply.

- Parent Advisory Council
- School website
- School newsletter or email
- News media (newspaper, television, radio)
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Other parents or friends
- Ads in the newspaper
- School District website
- Public meetings

Other (please specify)

18. What is your preferred method of providing feedback or input to the School District?

- Online survey
- Parent Advisory Committee
- School Principal
- Public meeting
- Email
- Attend a Board of Education Meeting
- Paper survey
- Other (please specify)

General Comments

You have now completed the survey questions. We welcome any additional comments you would like to share.

19. Is there anything else you would like share about student enrolment?

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. All of the input collected will be shared with the Transfer and Registration Committee - a committee of parents, students, staff and Trustees - and will inform their recommendations to the Board of Education in May 2017.

"What We Heard" will also be posted on the School District Website at www.sd61.bc.ca