

POLICY 5118.2

STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND TRANSFERS

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Frequency of Review: 5 Years

1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 The School Act prescribes that educational programs must be provided, free of charge, to every student who is a resident in British Columbia. A student may enroll in any school within the district provided the Board deems that space and facilities are available. The Board believes that the needs of the majority of students are best served if students attend their catchment schools. Priority of enrolment is governed by the School Act under Section 74.1.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Catchment area** is the geographical zone established by the Board as the attendance area for a school or a school program.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Access to Education

- 3.1.1 The Board shall establish catchment areas to reasonably ensure that each school has the capacity to accommodate the anticipated enrolment of students in the area. Students are expected to attend their catchment area schools except in occasions of limited space or if successful application has been made to attend a school from another catchment area.

3.2 Enrollment Priorities

- 3.2.1 If a Board determines that space and facilities are available at a school, a student is entitled to enrolment subject to section 74.1 of the *School Act*.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The **Board of Education** is responsible to ensure compliance with the *School Act*.

4.2 The **Superintendent** is responsible to ensure that District policy is upheld and regulations are enforced.

5.0 REFERENCES

5.1 *School Act*, section 74.1 [RSBC 1996]