



**POLICY 706.2**  
**EDUCATION CHOICE: ENROLMENT –**  
**SCHOOLS OF CHOICE, FRENCH IMMERSION, AND ACADEMIES**

Schools of Choice are open to all students in the school district. However, individual Schools of Choice may determine specific criteria for entry. Siblings will have priority for entry as per the regulations. All Schools of Choice program placements are based on the availability of space and facilities. Where demand is greater than available spaces, a waiting list will be established as per the regulations.

Where the Board has established school boundaries for schools of choice, the regulations of [Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests](#) will apply.

**REGULATIONS**

1. Placement Procedures for Kindergarten Entry

- a) Schools of Choice registration will occur during the last week of January prior to regular Kindergarten registration.
- b) Registration is not based on a first come first served basis. Applications will be accepted throughout the applicable registration period.
- c) For schools where there are fewer spaces than the number of applicants, a random, supervised draw will take place in accordance with the categories outlined in Regulation 3. Any applications missing the required documentation as of noon on the last day of School of Choice registration period will not be considered for placement.
- d) Families will be notified of the registration results after the School of Choice registration period and prior to the Regular School registration period.

2. French Immersion Catchment Areas

To be considered for French Immersion placement, students must register at their French Immersion catchment school. However, if the student has a sibling in their out-of-catchment French Immersion school, they may register at that school. The French



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Immersion catchment school is determined by the student's residential address and may differ from the regular program catchment school. The entire District is considered to be the catchment for all schools of choice other than French Immersion.

### 3. School Draw for Kindergarten entry

- a) For schools where there are fewer spaces than the number of applicants, random, supervised draws will occur.
- b) If applicable, the following draws will be conducted separately to create waitlist categories, listed in the following priority order:
  - i) Children with siblings who are already registered at the same school for the following year;
  - ii) Catchment area children.
- c) Available spaces will be filled from the draw in the order drawn. Remaining registrations will be assigned to a waitlist in the order drawn.
- d) For twin siblings in the event of a draw, one ballot will be entered into the draw for families with twins. If drawn, both twins will be offered placement in the program at the same school. In the case where twins exceed the number of available spaces, one of the twins will be offered placement and the other sibling will be placed on the waitlist.

### 4. Waitlists

- a) Waitlists for Kindergarten entry will be maintained according to the draw order outlined in Regulation 3. b).
- b) Students that are registered after the draw will be added to the appropriate waitlist category in the order received.
- c) A French Immersion school Kindergarten entry waitlist will remain valid until the end of the cohort's grade one school year and dissolved thereafter.



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- d) French Immersion schools will maintain a waitlist for eligible students (students from French Immersion or Francophone programs) beyond grade 1 in the order received. Siblings of students currently at the school will have priority for placement.
- e) Other Schools of Choice will maintain waitlists for Kindergarten entry according to the draw order outlined in Regulation 3. b) and in the order received for grades 1 and beyond. Siblings of students currently at the school will have priority.
- f) All waitlists in Regulation 4. c) and 4. d) will be maintained until each grade cohort has completed the grades available at that school.
- g) Should the school determine there is an opening for a student once all available seats have been allocated, it will be offered to parent/guardians of students on the waitlist.
- h) When an opening for a student is offered to a parent/guardian via phone call and email, the opening for that student shall remain offered until the end of the next business day. If a parent or guardian declines the opening for the child or does not provide a response, the student's placement on the waitlist will be moved to the bottom of the waitlist category.