

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

FOR TOWN OF OKOTOKS & MD OF FOOTHILLS

Update: 2017/2018 School Year

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ACADEMY:

- All English-track K-8 students living in the St. Francis of Assisi Academy attendance area (and those west, east or north of the area) are designated to St. Francis of Assisi Academy.
- Students from Sandstone and Mountainview that were grandfathered in the 2016/2017 school year may continue on at Good Shepherd or St. John Paul II.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

- All English-track K-6 students in the St. Mary's attendance area are designated to attend St. Mary's.
- Students from the St. Mary's attendance area (ie: Drake Landing) that were grandfathered in the 2016/2017 school year may continue on at Good Shepherd and then to St. John Paul II.

ÉCOLE GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL:

- All French Immersion students may continue to attend Good Shepherd School, regardless of where they are from. Effective 2016/2017, English-track siblings of NEW Good Shepherd French Immersion students are designated to their resident schools.

Unable to Get Into Ecole Good Shepherd?

In the event Ecole Good Shepherd has to decline a new registration, parents of students residing in the Good Shepherd attendance area, whether Catholic or not, may approach the principal of either St. Francis of Assisi Academy or St. Mary's School and request that their children be enrolled. If the principal of one of those schools has space and program, and if the Good Shepherd Principal is unable to accept their registration, the principals of St. Mary's and St. Francis are authorized to accept the students, but parents will need to provide transportation. The exception to the transportation is that parents may request to get their students on the bus that travels from either Holy Trinity or the Sandstone/Mountainview neighbourhood to St. Francis or the Drake Landing bus that travels to St. Mary's. If this is desired, the principal of St. Francis or St. Mary's will check with transportation to see if space is available on one of the aforementioned buses.

Rationale

- The boundary realignment of 2016/2017 was successful. Good Shepherd School dropped from an enrollment of 960 to an enrollment of 812. However, the school is still overcapacity and sitting at 103% full. (Last, year it was over 120% full).
- Good Shepherd now has a Kindergarten cohort of 100 students. In future years, it is expected that cohorts of 100 per grade will eventually be the norm as the very large cohorts move out of the school at the grade 6 level for the next 5 years (121, 104, 126, 129, 115, and 119). The goal will be for the school to maintain cohorts of between 100 and 110 students. This would result in an overall enrolment of between 650 and 715 students would result in the school being in the 85% to 93% full range, and this would be very comfortable. As a result, the direction given to the principal of Good Shepherd, who has discretion on whether not to accept non-Catholic students based on space and program available, will be to strive to cap enrollment at around 100 per grade, understanding that there will be natural growth over the years and the population of 100 per grade will likely creep up to 110 per grade.
- Once the cohort at Good Shepherd gets to the 100 students per grade mark, the principal will generally need to decline accepting additional non-Catholic students in that grade. In such cases the "Unable to Get Into Good Shepherd" scenario, delineated above, applies.
- In the event either St. Francis or St. John Paul II was not able to accept a non-Catholic junior high student residing in their attendance area, parents may elect to approach the principal of the other junior high school (either St. Francis or St. John Paul II depending on which school was full) and seek to register their child. If the principal of one of those schools has space and program, they are authorized to accept the student, but parents will need to provide transportation. The exception to the transportation condition is that parents may request to get their students on the bus that travels from either Holy Trinity or the Sandstone/Mountainview neighbourhood to St. Francis. If this is desired, the principal of St. Francis will check with transportation to see if space is available on one of the aforementioned buses.

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