



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

Background

Board Policy 2: Role of the Board addresses the Board's accountability for the provision of programs and services to the students of the division through the setting of clear strategic direction, the wise use of resources, and fiduciary accountability. In order to assist in the efficient operation of the division and the optimal utilization of school facilities, school attendance boundaries shall be established.

Attendance Boundaries

The attendance boundary for all rural schools are as follows:

1. St. Joseph School, Coaldale – grades 1 – 9 students living within Ward 1
2. St. Mary School, Taber – grades 6 – 12 students living within Ward 5
3. St. Patrick School, Taber – grades 1 – 5 students living within Ward 5
4. St. Catherine School, Picture Butte – grades 1 – 9 students living within Ward 3
5. St. Michael's School, Pincher Creek – grades 1 – 12 students living within Ward 4
6. St. Michael's School, Bow Island – grades 1 - 12 students living within Ward 5

The attendance boundaries for all schools (referred to as designated school) in the City of Lethbridge are as follows:

Elementary Schools

- 1.1 St. Teresa of Calcutta– North of 26th Avenue N to the city limit and East of the river to the city limit.
- 1.2 St. Paul – North of Crowsnest Trail to 26th Avenue N and East of the river to the city limit.
- 1.3 Ecole St. Mary – South of Crowsnest Trail to 10th Avenue S and East of the river to the city limit AND all elementary French Immersion students
- 1.4 Our Lady of the Assumption – South of 10th Avenue S to the city limit and East of the river to the city limit
- 1.5 Father Leonard Van Tighem – North of Whoop Up Drive to the city limit and West of the river to the city limit.
- 1.6 Children of St. Martha – South of Whoop Up Drive to McLeod Drive W and West of the river to the city limit.
- 1.7 St. Patrick Fine Arts – South of McLeod Drive W to the city limit and West of the river to the city limit.

2. Junior High Schools
 - 2.1 St. Francis – East of the river to the city limit AND all junior high French Immersion students.
 - 2.2 Father Leonard Van Tighem – West of the river to the city limit.
3. Senior High Schools
 - 3.1 Catholic Central (Campus East) – All high school French Immersion students AND East of the river to the city limit
 - 3.2 Catholic Central (Campus West) – West of the river to the city limit

Procedures

1. Where school attendance boundaries have been established, a student will be required to attend the school designated for that area.
2. Changes to school attendance boundaries will come into effect prior to September 30 in any given year.
3. Should a change in location of residence occur in the month of September, the child may transfer to the school within whose boundaries the new residence is located.
4. Should the move in residence be made after the month of September, the child, at the option of the parent, with the approval of the Principal may complete the school year without transfer, provided there are no inconveniences to school operation and no additional costs for transportation to the division.
5. In individual cases where it appears to be in the interests of the student or the school or both, the Superintendent may approve a student's transfer to another school.
6. A Principal may admit a student designated to another school attendance area if there is sufficient space and resources to support the educational program.
7. Preference to school attendance should be based on the following:
 - 7.1 Catholic students living in the attendance area.
 - 7.2 Catholic students living outside the attendance area.
 - 7.3 Non-resident students who have or have had a sibling attend the school of choice.
 - 7.4 Non-resident students living in the attendance area
 - 7.5 Non-resident students living outside the attendance area.
8. When a student is admitted into a school outside of his/her designated attendance area, the parent will be responsible for transportation.