



School
District **42**
Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows

Grade 8 Registration Information for Parents of Grade 7 Students 2007/2008

School District No.42 has an open boundary policy that allows flexibility in choice regarding which secondary school students may attend **"where space and facility is determined to be available"** (School Act section 74.1 section 6).

The district is charged with managing enrollment at all schools and ensuring that enrollment numbers align with capacity at each school. This management assists in providing optimum learning environments for all students across the district. Currently, two of our secondary schools need further management to bring the enrollment in line with capacity. For the 2007/08 school year, both SRT and MRSS will need to limit or cap grade 8 enrollment to a maximum of 125 (SRT) and a maximum of, 260 including French Immersion at (MRSS). The limits placed on grade 8 registrations' will ensure that capacity/enrollment alignment takes place over the next four years.

District Grade 8 registration procedures are as follows:

1. You will complete a common School District registration form that is used by all schools. **This is distributed and collected through the elementary school** your child presently attends. These will be distributed at the end of February, following the last High School open house. Please do not take it directly to the secondary school, **they will not accept it.**
2. This year's form will indicate your secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address (not your elementary school). You can check the School District website <http://www.sd42.ca> and look under "FIND YOUR CATCHMENT SCHOOL" to determine which high school is your catchment school. Please note that French Immersion catchment areas are different than English. (If you do not have access to internet, ask your elementary school for assistance).
3. **Out-of-catchment registrations may be restricted by the limits of the school facility size** (as described above). The district will accommodate **catchment registrations first** and then attempt to accommodate **sibling out of catchment registrations**, however sibling placement cannot be guaranteed. Please refer to the School Act section 74.1 Section 6 for more details regarding criteria for placement priorities (on Home Page of School District No.42 under Enrollment)

4. If you do select and are accepted to a school other than your catchment school please note that District bussing services are limited to those students who are living within the catchment areas of their local high school AND are outside of the established walk limits. For students in grades 4-12, walk limits are 4.8 km. Parents of any student attending a school that is not in their catchment area are responsible for providing transportation for their children. Bussing is not available for programs of choice such as French Immersion, or THSS, etc. In the case of SRT catchment, if students live 4.8 km or more from Garibaldi and wish to attend Garibaldi, the District will provide bussing. There may also be courtesy seats available for other students depending on availability.
5. **All Grade 8 registration forms must be completed and returned to the elementary school before March 30, 2007 for attendance in the next school year.**
6. Parents will be notified in April as to whether their request to attend a school other than their catchment **CANNOT** be accommodated. Registration will then revert to the catchment school or your other school of choice if there is room.

Please Note: For **Samuel Robertson Technical**, registration for grade 8 (2007) will be as follows (up to a maximum of 125):

- If the number of in catchment students applying is over 125, the students with older siblings attending SRT will have first priority
 - If the number of catchment area students does not exceed 125, non-catchment applicants with siblings attending SRT will be next to be considered.
 - If the number of non-catchment students with siblings attending SRT does not exceed 125, the next to be considered would be non catchment area students
 - If the number of non-catchment area students did not exceed 125, the next to be considered would be non-school district students
 - If within any priority described previously, applicants exceed 125, names will be placed in a lottery. 125 names will be drawn and these families will be contacted forthwith to inform them that they were accepted into SRT
 - Students not drawn would be registered at their second choice and notified.
7. **Movement between schools (i.e. families changing their minds) after the March 30, 2007 deadline requires a transfer process**, as staffing for schools is established based upon registrations as of this date. The ability to accommodate transfer requests is based upon the availability of space in classes at the receiving school. Forms for this are available at the secondary schools. Building space and available staffing limit this process. The information system used to register all students - does not accept students in more than one school.

PLEASE NOTE: If students attempt to try to register in more than one school, the system will default back to their catchment school.

All students applying for transfers will go on a waiting list. Meetings with high school principals and Assistant Superintendent will happen periodically between March and June to discuss transfer placement. Decisions will be made by June 30.