

## SCHOOLS OF CHOICE REGULATION

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School of Choice requests are considered and reviewed by the principal and the Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources. Decisions are based on legislation and provincial guidelines. Acceptance to attend a School of Choice is not guaranteed and is influenced by, but not limited to:

- School population, available space, and resources
- Current and future enrollment projections
- The date of application (applications are processed by the date received)

### Schools of Choice applications will be considered when:

- All students living within the designated school catchment area have been accommodated
- The school and/or class staffing allocation can accommodate additional students
- The school has the capability of providing appropriate supports and programming for the student

Notwithstanding the above, in cases when the Division determines that the enrollment of the student would be detrimental to the order, discipline and well being of the students in the school, the application will be denied as outlined in the Public Schools Act, Section 58.4 (1)(e).

A parent/guardian wishing to enroll their child at a school other than the designated school will submit a completed Schools of Choice application form no later than May 15th preceding the upcoming school year. Applications received after May 15th will be considered on an individual basis, only after all other requests have been processed. The Schools of Choice form must be completed at the designated school accompanied with the designated school registration form. Students over 18 years of age or older applying for School of Choice will follow the same process.

Acceptance of the student under the provisions of School of Choice is applicable only to the programming selected. A request for the student to be transferred to a different program offered at the school will require another school of choice application and be subject to the conditions outlined within this policy (e.g., heritage language programs, technical vocational programs).

Once a School of Choice application has been given final approval, it will remain in effect, only at the school to which the student has been admitted, and only until the student completes the highest grade level at the school into which they have been admitted. Students **must re-apply** through the Schools of Choice process upon changing schools or at transition to the next educational level (early to middle, middle to senior).

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Students accepted at a school under the provision of Schools of Choice will not be eligible for any divisional transportation services, nor will they be provided transportation allowances or subsidies in any form, however, policy EEA-R-Student Transportation might apply.

A student's acceptance under the provisions of Schools of Choice will be rescinded in the event a parent/legal guardian has misrepresented the needs of their child by providing misinformation and/or a failure to disclose information.

### **USEFUL LINKS:**

- [schools-of-choice-in-division-out-of-designated-school-boundary.46c41110693.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)
- [https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/choice/out\\_of\\_division.pdf](https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/choice/out_of_division.pdf)

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