

GRADE 8 TRANSFER PERIOD INFORMATION 2026/27

FOR PARENTS OF GRADE 7 STUDENTS

OVERVIEW

To provide an optimal learning environment for all students, the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 (SD42) must manage enrolment across all schools, ensuring that enrolment numbers match building capacity.

“Where space and facility is determined to be available,” the school district has an open boundary policy that allows flexibility in choice regarding which secondary school students may attend (*School Act section 74.1 Section 6*). Due to increasing enrolment in recent years, however, the majority of students are assigned to their catchment school. All our high schools meet the needs of all learners.

GRADE 8 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

ONLINE REGISTRATION

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The Grade 8 Transfer Period opens at **noon on Tuesday, February 10, 2026**. All Grade 8 transfers/new to district registrations are done through the *Parent Portal*. If you are new to the school district, you will need to create a *Parent Portal* account before registering.

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IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS

Families with children currently enrolled in a Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) elementary school should submit an **Existing Student Transfer Request** in the Grade 8 Transfer Period.



OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS

Families with children currently enrolled in an elementary school outside of the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District (SD42) should submit a **New Student Registration** in the Grade 8 Transfer Period.

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DETERMINING CATCHMENT SCHOOL



The registration form will automatically populate with your child’s secondary catchment school based on the residential address on file with your child’s elementary school.

You can also find your child’s secondary catchment school using the school locator tool at <http://www.sd42.ca/school-locator/>.



New development areas may not show accurate results. Please confirm with your child’s elementary school if necessary.



If the address you register on the portal does not match what is on file, proof of change of address will be required. Rental agreements are not accepted as proof of address.

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The size of the school facility may limit the number of out-of-catchment registrations that can be accommodated. The school district will accommodate **catchment registrations first**, then attempt to accommodate **sibling out-of-catchment registrations**. Sibling placement cannot be guaranteed, however. Our acceptance criteria are as follows:

1. *In-catchment area students who, in the previous year, attended the school;*
2. *In-catchment area students who, in the previous year, were placed by the district in a different school due to a lack of space*
3. *Siblings of in-catchment area students (grades 8 to 11);*
4. *New in-catchment area students;*
5. *Siblings of out-of-catchment area students enrolled in the school (grades 8 to 11);*
6. *Out-of-catchment area students currently attending an SD42 school;*
7. *Out-of-district students.*

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ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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Deadline for completing a request for the Grade 8 Transfer Period is **11:59 pm, Tuesday, February 24, 2026**. If you do not register by the online registration deadline, you will need to complete a request under the *Enrolment Requests – New; Transfer; Withdraw (2026/2027)* school year.

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Parents will be notified by email before spring break about their child's assigned school.

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Movement between schools after the school placements have been finalized will require a transfer request submitted on the *Parent Portal* under the *Enrolment Requests-New; Transfer; Withdraw (2026/2027)* school year.



The ability to transfer will be limited by building space and available staffing. See Student Transfer Guidelines.



A review of transfer requests will be completed before the Grade 7 orientation date in May. Individual meetings and/or visits will occur after placement.