

# GRADE 8 REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2020/21

## 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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Registration opens at **12 pm (noon)** on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**. All Grade 8 registrations are done through the *Parent Portal* at <https://parents.sd42.ca>. Each registration is time-stamped at the moment the registration form is opened to begin the online registration process.

### DETERMINING CATCHMENT SCHOOL

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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:

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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 currently attending an SD42 school;*
8. *Students not currently attending an SD42 school but residing in Maple Ridge or Pitt Meadows;*
9. *Out-of-district non-resident students.*

## ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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Deadline for Grade 8 online registration is **12 pm (noon)** on **February 19, 2020**. If you do not register your child by the online registration deadline, you will need to complete a paper registration form at your child's catchment high school.

## PLACEMENT NOTIFICATION

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Parents will be notified by email before Spring Break about their child's assigned school.

## TRANSFERS AFTER DEADLINE

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Movement between schools after the February 19 deadline requires a transfer process. Transfer forms are available at all secondary schools.



*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.*