

Catchment Boundaries – Cloverdale/Clayton – September 2018

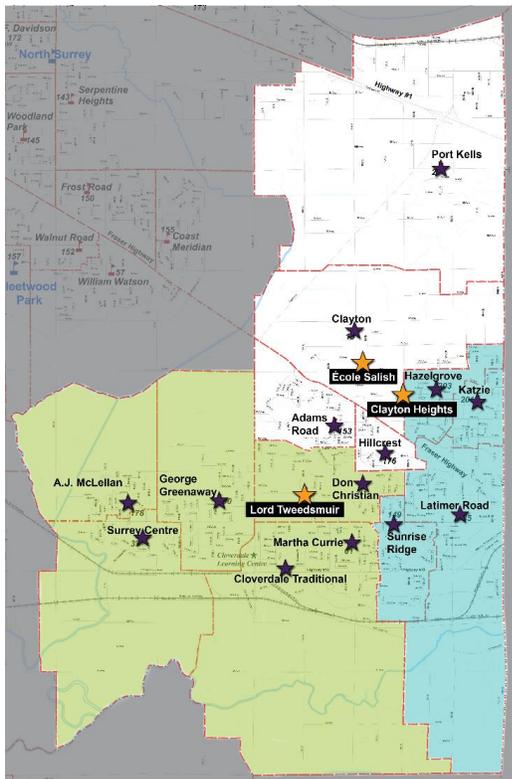
Important information for parents and guardians regarding out-of-catchment requests

Dear Parents and Guardians,

March 9th, 2018

This letter is to bring you up to date on the opening of École Salish Secondary which impacts surrounding schools. For ease of reference, in this letter, we will respectfully refer to École Salish Secondary as Salish, to École Lord Tweedsmuir as Tweedsmuir and to Clayton Heights Secondary as Clayton.

The construction of Salish is nearing completion and we are excited for the opening of the school in September 2018. There is a parent meeting on March 13th at 6 p.m. at Tweedsmuir for any parents of Salish students who are interested in assisting with the formation of the school’s Parent Advisory Council (PAC). There will also be an open house in April and a parent information evening later in the spring. Ms. Hammond, the Principal of Salish, is meeting with groups of students on a regular basis to plan for the opening of the school. Both Clayton and Tweedsmuir have long traditions of providing outstanding educational experiences and opportunities for students and we look forward to this tradition continuing at Salish.

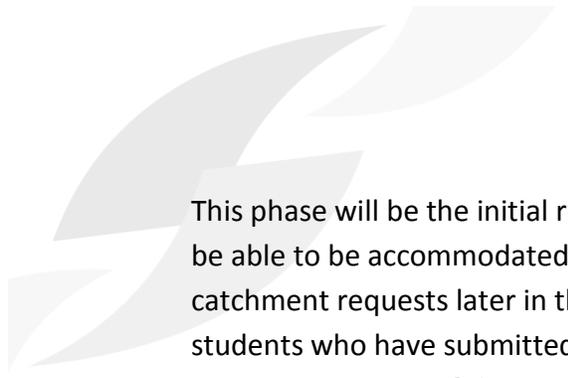


Out-of-Catchment Requests

In the next few weeks, Salish, Clayton and Tweedsmuir will engage in an initial review and balancing of student out-of-catchment requests between schools. If any student wants to attend a school other than their catchment school, they must fill out a cross boundary registration form. Then, we examine how to accommodate the moves in a manner that attempts to balance the populations to the best degree possible.

For example, if ten students who live in the Clayton catchment want to attend Salish, and ten students who live in the Salish catchment want to attend Clayton, the number of student requests between the schools balances out and ten student requests from each school can be accommodated at this time.

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This phase will be the initial review of out-of-catchment requests. Not all student requests will be able to be accommodated in this initial review. There will be a further review of out-of-catchment requests later in the spring as well as in September. All parents and guardians of students who have submitted out-of-catchment requests will be contacted by phone so that everyone is aware of the status of their request.

Schools will begin with the Grade 11 out-of-catchment applications and we hope to complete this process as soon as possible. Our goal is to have the process completed by April 16th. As parents/guardians may recall, the schools have been sending out emails and communication requesting that all out-of-catchment requests be submitted by January 31st, so all requests received after this time are being kept on a waitlist according to the date they were received.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office staff or principal at your school or the school district at (604) 596-6308.

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