

## **POLICY #6425 SCHOOL SIZE**

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It is the objective of the Surrey Board of Education to have schools which:

- a) At the elementary level, have the economic advantage of a large school yet, insofar as possible, permit the personal contact of a small school.
- b) At the secondary level, offer grades 8 to 12 and permit flexibility and breadth of program for all students.
- c) At the learning centre level, offer secondary level programs to meet specific student needs.

Insofar as practicable the desired size:

- a) Of an elementary school will not normally exceed accommodation for 80 kindergarten + 500 grades 1 – 7 students\*
- b) Of secondary schools will not normally exceed accommodation for 1,500 students.
- c) Of a learning centre will not normally exceed accommodation for 250 students on a variety of timetables.

\* 1 kindergarten child = .5 full-time equivalent (FTE)

The ultimate size of a school, which may include schools that exceed these guidelines, will be influenced by the demographics and zoning of the particular area, the availability of land, the location of arterial roads and traffic patterns, and the efficiency and effectiveness of the operation.

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