

POLICY #8320

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE AND FOCUS PROGRAMS

The Surrey Board of Education recognizes its obligation, consistent with the *School Act* and relevant to provincial legislation, to provide an educational program for all students of school age. It is the goal of the board to offer programs promoting excellence in instruction, optimal achievement and expanded choice for all students. The ability of the board to be responsive to such goals is nevertheless dependent on favourable economic factors and the availability of space. Transportation to such programs is the responsibility of the families involved.

1. PROGRAMS OF CHOICE AND FOCUS PROGRAMS

The board will offer programs that respond to the needs and interests of students, are economically viable and support ministry and board goals for intellectual, personal, social and career development.

1.1. Programs of Choice

The district offers four Programs of Choice at the elementary and/or secondary level: French Immersion, Intensive Fine Arts, Montessori and Traditional. Parents apply for admission for their children through the Kindergarten Choice Lottery.

1.2. Focus Programs

The district offers a variety of Focus Programs in elementary and/or secondary schools in the district. These programs are listed on the district website and registration takes place at the individual school level.

2. PROCESS FOR A PROGRAM THAT IS INITIATED BY THE COMMUNITY

The board may support new community-initiated educational programs which bring a particular educational emphasis to student talents or to particular student needs, within the parameters of provincially prescribed and/or locally developed curriculum. The process for submitting proposals for such programs is outlined in [Regulation 8320.1](#).

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