



**February 10, 2023**

**To: All Parents/Guardians**

**Re: Some Registration Highlights for the 2023-2024 School Year**

### **Elementary School Registration**

School registration will open on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents of students currently registered in Lethbridge School Division will receive notification from your child(ren)'s school with instructions for registration using PowerSchool. Registrations should be complete by Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**IMPORTANT – if you start the registration and do not complete and submit it, you will no longer be able to use the passcode you were sent and be locked out of the registration. Be sure to start the registration at a time when you know you will be able to complete the entire registration.**

### **Middle School Registration**

Registration procedures will begin on March 24<sup>th</sup> and close around April 14<sup>th</sup>. Details will come from the school. Information from the middle schools for grade 5 students who will be moving to grade 6 will be sent to you by your current school.

### **High School Registration**

Timelines for high school registration vary somewhat. Timelines and details will come from the school. Information from the high schools for grade 8 students who will be moving to grade 9 will be sent to you by your current school. High schools typically set up an information evening for parents/ students to attend and visit the school to talk to the students in grade 8.

### **Programs of Choice**

For families wanting to explore and register in Programs of Choice, program information can be found on the school division website at this link: [Alternative Programs | Lethbridge School Division \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](https://lethsd.ab.ca/AlternativePrograms)

### **Policy 501.3.1 School Choice**

This policy allows for consideration of requests made to have students enrolled in a school outside of their attendance area. While consideration is given to registration, transportation is not part of school choice approval. Decisions under this policy are made based on the criteria outlined in the policy including availability of space; educational considerations; projected enrollment including class sizes at each different grade level, suitability of school programs and services, and student priority of enrolment (as per Regulation 4 of the policy).

The links to the policy, procedure and form are as follows:

Link to [POLICY](#)

Link to [PROCEDURE](#)

Link to [FORM](#)

Please note that to be given consideration for out-of-attendance boundary, we are requesting that Form 501.3.1 be filled out and submitted by March 25, 2022, **for elementary students**. Schools will make every effort to have decisions made and families contacted before mid April.

#### **Programs that are Exceptions to School Choice Procedures**

- **Victoria Park High School** is a grade 10-12 Outreach School that follows a different registration procedure. Registration for the school is made by referral through discussion with a student's attendance boundary school administration.
- **E-Learning for grades 3-9** may be available for the 2023-2024 school year if the expression of interest/registration has sufficient numbers of students to support the program. Please click here for more information and a registration (expression of interest) form [E-Learning](#). IT IS IMPORTANT to complete the form if you are interested in E-Learning because program viability will be based on these numbers.

#### **Special Considerations that were Extended for Boundary Changes in 2021-2022**

There were some special considerations given to the following geographic areas for attendance boundaries and acceptance of out of attendance boundary students when boundaries were changed for the 2021-22 school year:

**a. Chinook High School.** It was agreed that the students living in the new west side LCI attendance boundaries who were attending Chinook in 2020-2021 and chose to continue with Chinook High School will be transported for three years. In the 2024-2025 school year all high school students from this LCI attendance boundary area choosing to attend Chinook will no longer be provided transportation.

**b. École Agnes Davidson students enrolled in the English program** during the 2020-2021 school year who live west of Mayor Magrath Drive and north of Scenic Drive were provided with the choice of attending either Lakeview Elementary School (new boundary school) or Dr. Robert Plaxton Elementary School. Transportation was provided to both schools starting the 2021-2022 school year. It was agreed that transportation for out-of-attendance boundary students will no longer be provided to Dr. Robert Plaxton starting the 2024-25 school year, but out-of-attendance boundary students who started at Dr. Robert Plaxton in 2021-22 and their siblings will be approved to remain at that school throughout their elementary years.

**c. Crossings:** Prior to finalizing everything for boundaries, the Board considered feedback in February 2021 from individuals residing in the **Crossings neighbourhood**. The Board decided that students who were registered in Lethbridge School Division and lived in this neighbourhood (during the 2020-2021 school year) could choose to attend the out-of-attendance boundary school, Mike Mountain Horse. These families were required to complete Form 501.3.1. The forms were approved as part of transitioning. The approved students and upcoming siblings will continue to be approved throughout their elementary school years. Families registering their children **for the first time** with Lethbridge School Division can also access the *School Choice* policy in upcoming years but are **not guaranteed** approval. Transportation is provided to the in-attendance boundary school, Nicholas Sheran. Transportation is not provided to the out-of-attendance boundary school, Mike Mountain Horse.



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