

Policy Title	Boundaries (School Attendance Areas)		
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References			
Education Act			

1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide direction necessary to achieve the board's Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Bluewater District School Board has the authority under the Education Act (section 171 (1)(7)) to determine school attendance areas (boundaries). Attendance areas are established to balance enrolment, enable the allocation of staff, achieve program continuity, and minimize disruptions and costs to student transportation.
- 1.3 Bluewater District School Board recognizes the need to accommodate, where possible and appropriate, the legitimate desires of parent(s)/guardian(s) to have students attend certain schools which are under the jurisdiction of the board, but outside their normal attendance area.

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 It is the policy of Bluewater District School Board to establish school attendance areas to maintain viable academic programs, while also ensuring the efficient and effective use of board facilities.
- 2.2 It is the policy of Bluewater District School Board to accommodate, where possible, requests for students to attend schools outside their specified school attendance area (e.g., to take advantage of programming such as French Immersion and various secondary school courses), as long as space is available, and there is no additional cost to the board.

3.0 SYSTEM EXPECTATIONS

- 3.1 Reviews of the school boundaries for different areas within the district will take place as required.
- 3.2 Proposals to alter school boundaries will involve a public consultation meeting.
- 3.3 Boundaries within Bluewater District School Board will remain the same until changed by the board of trustees.
- 3.4 Administrative procedure AP 6212-D "Boundaries (School Attendance Areas)" will be used in coordination with this policy.