

The Durham Catholic District School Board
"The Board"

POLICY

SCHOOL BOUNDARY

POLICY AREA: OPERATIONS

PURPOSE

To establish criteria for the development of elementary and secondary school boundaries.

APPLICATION/SCOPE

This policy applies to all new schools and to amendments to established school boundaries.

PRINCIPLES

Boundaries shall be established for all schools operated by the Board.

Elementary school boundaries shall be developed to create neighbourhood/community school(s). The boundary of the school shall be of a sufficient size to sustain the long-term operation of the school at a full or near full capacity level. However, it is recognized that in order for a school to reach the mature sustainable enrolment it will experience levels of peak enrolment that will necessitate temporary accommodation.

Secondary school boundaries shall be developed based on the associate elementary school boundaries and/or geographic parameters.

REQUIREMENTS

Where possible, highways, railroad lines, parks and major open spaces, utility corridors, along rear lot lines and the mid-point of arterial roads shall be used for locations for school boundary limits.

School boundaries shall be set giving consideration to maximization of a safe walking route to school

A proposed school boundary shall be developed and approved "In Principle" by the Board. The affected school(s) council/community shall be consulted for input prior to finalization.

Following the school(s) council/community consult, a final boundary shall be approved by the Board.

Upon creation of a new school boundary, the holding school(s) boundaries shall be realigned accordingly.