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Students in adjusted catchment areas

1. If an elementary student is currently in grades K-5 (moving to grades 1-6 for 2024/2025 school year) they may choose to stay at their previous in-catchment school. For example, if a student lives in the Gold Creek catchment area and they have attended Kootenay Orchards, they will be permitted to stay at Kootenay Orchards until they age out in Grade 7. Any siblings that are currently pre-Kindergarten (i.e. birth year 2019 and later) will be considered out of catchment and will be required to fill out an out of catchment request.
2. All pre-Kindergarten students that will be new K registrations (birth year 2019) will adhere to the revised catchment boundaries. Continuing with the above example, if the pre-Kindergarten student lives in Gold Creek, they are now considered to be in the Highlands Catchment area. If this family desires to attend Kootenay Orchards (or any school other than Highlands) they must complete an out of catchment request.
3. Students currently in Grade 6 and that live in Gold Creek will still have the option between middle schools (Laurie and Parkland) because the Gold Creek catchment area has not changed for middle schools.
4. Students currently in Grade 6 at Amy Woodland are now part of the Laurie Catchment area. If they want to attend Parkland, they will be required to complete an out of catchment request. If siblings are currently at Parkland, it is suggested that they state this in the reason section of the Request for Student Placement form.

Students in unadjusted catchment areas

5. If a student currently lives in any other catchment area and have previously completed the form to attend an out of catchment school, they will continue to complete this form annually. For example, if a student lives in the Pinewood catchment and would like to attend Highlands, the family would be required to complete an out of catchment request. For a middle school student that currently lives in the Laurie catchment area and wants to attend Parkland, the family would be required to complete an out of catchment request. There is no change of practice to this procedure.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

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