

NEWS RELEASE

In-District Cross-Boundary Registration Opens in January

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COMOX VALLEY, B.C. – Students registered in the Comox Valley school district may request a transfer to a school outside their catchment area for the 2019/20 school year.

Registration opens 7 January 2019 for a seven-week period for cross-boundary applicants to submit a request. Deadline to submit a request is 28 February 2019 at 4 p.m.

“It is important to understand that we are seeing tremendous growth in the Comox Valley with the arrival of many young families, so district schools are at or near capacity,” shared Geoff Manning Director of Instruction. “Not all transfer requests can be accommodated. However, the district understands there are reasons when a request for transfer can be made including access to a specialized program at another school, to attend school with a sibling, childcare arrangements, or extenuating family circumstances.”

To address extenuating circumstances, the district has established priority categories for cross-boundary applicants as follows:

- 1st : Siblings living in Comox Valley registered in a district school.
- 2nd : Specialized education program offered at another secondary school location.
- 3rd : Childcare (K-7 only).
- 4th : Other extenuating circumstances detailed in the request.

To register, complete the fillable form that can be found on the Comox Valley Schools website at <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/studentregistration/> Please note, the form will not be published until the day registration opens. Upon completion, click submit. There no longer is any requirement to save, print and mail the form to the School Board Office.

For individuals without a home computer we invite you to use the computer located in any district school, or in the School Board Office located at 607 Cumberland Road in Courtenay. Alternatively, you can access a computer at a Vancouver Island Regional Library.

We encourage students and families to visit the school they wish to transfer to first to ensure this school location or the programs offered align with their reasons to transfer. Once a transfer is granted and executed it is difficult to reverse it and may not be permitted.

Questions can be directed to your current neighbourhood school administrator or to the Board Office at 250-334-5500.