

Rural Transportation Catchment Area Requests: Guiding Principles for Decision-Making

Foundational to all work in Prairie South Schools is the notion of “Collective Common Sense.” The Rural Catchment Committee incorporates this notion in all decisions in addition to the agreed-upon filters below.

1. The Rural Transportation Committee will review the guiding principles yearly.
2. The best interests of students will be considered; forced moves of students established in kindergarten will not be considered.
3. Dual Catchments will not be considered.
4. Consideration of ride times and bus capacity will be included in catchment request decisions.
5. The Rural Transportation Committee will support a student’s move from one K-12 school (including Caronport Elementary) to another K-12 school (including Caronport Elementary) when classroom capacity and increased efficiencies exist.
6. Any new Alternate Yard requests will not be considered for a two-year period to allow PSS to study the impact of Alternate Yard requests on the Division.
7. Alternate Yard service, under extreme circumstances, may be approved by the Board.
8. Catchment requests will not be granted based solely on family convenience and trading patterns or family perception of a hierarchy in quality from one PSS school to the next.
9. Adjust catchment areas wherever possible when an opportunity for increased efficiency exists.
10. Division resource allocation will be considered when determining catchment request changes.

Please Note: application to change rural catchment area must be received by the Transportation Department by April 15 of the current school year.