
MEMORANDUM

TO: SD #33 MEMBER SCHOOLS
FROM: JORDAN ABNEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: CHILLIWACK SCHOOL DISTRICT (SD #33) RECONFIGURATION
DATE: APRIL 3, 2018
CC: SD #33 DISTRICT OFFICE, BCSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BC School Sports has been in contact with the SD#33 Board Office regarding the redefined boundary and feeder school relationships that will come into effect for Chilliwack schools in the 2018/2019 school year.

Summary of changes in SD#33 for the 2018-19 school year

- SD #33 will move to a three-level school system
 1. K-5 (Elementary)
 2. 6-8 (Middle)
 3. 9-12 (Senior)

Exceptions

- Rosedale Traditional Community School will remain a K-8 configuration.
- GW Graham Secondary School will continue to have grade 8 enrollment for 2018-19 school year. In the 2019-20 school year they will enroll only students in grades 9-12.

- Southside schools will be affected by boundary changes and feeder school relationships.
 - Vedder Middle School will feed to Sardis Secondary School at grade 9.
 - Mount Slease Middle School will feed to GW Graham Middle Secondary School at grade 9.

- Northside schools will not be affected by boundary changes and feeder school relationships.
 - Northside middle schools: AD Rundle Middle School & Chilliwack Middle School will feed to Chilliwack Senior Secondary for grade 9.

How will this affect student-athletes eligibility?

- Students currently in grade 9 (2017-18 Academic year), who will be moving to their defined catchment school as per the new district boundaries, will not be subject to the one year transfer ineligibility period. BCSS will transfer these students in STARS to their feeder school before the start of the school year and they will be immediately eligible.

- Students currently in Grade 8 (2017-18 Academic Year), who have not established a home school (established on the first day of Grade 9, or by a Grade 8 middle school student playing up to their senior feeder school, which is not, thankfully, a common practice in SD 33, meaning very few, if any students in Grade 8 will have an established home school) will be eligible for all BCSS competition next year.
 - Schools receiving students from their natural feeder school, according to the new 2018-19 SD #33 policies, who have STARS profiles will automatically be transferred in STARS. No further action is necessary.
 - Schools receiving students transferring to a school other than their natural feeder school, will need to submit a Grade 8-9 Transfer Form to BC School Sports, to have the student accurately transferred in STARS.

- School District #33 has provided a list of students that have been granted a District exception to attend Sardis Secondary instead GW Graham Middle Secondary due to a sibling who is already enrolled at Sardis Secondary. These students will not be subject to a one-year ineligibility period, and will not lose their athletic eligibility. BCSS will transfer these students in STARS before the start of the school year. Only the names as provided by the district as sibling exceptions, will be transferred and eligible.

- Any student who has established a home school, and who is transferring to a non-catchment school, and is not on the sibling exception list provided by SD #33, will be subject to all transfer rules, and will be ineligible for a period of one-year in any sports they played in 2017-18, until granted eligibility through the appropriate BCSS eligibility submission and subsequent ruling.

While we are aware that the Chilliwack School District is a district of choice and families can apply for cross boundary enrollment this does not satisfy the criteria for students to be automatically deemed eligible as per BCSS policy.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the BCSS office by phone at 604 477-1488 or by email at info@bcschoolsports.ca.

Sincerely,



Jordan Abney
Executive Director