

RATIONALE:

The Board recognizes the importance of selecting school sites that best meet the needs of the students, the school community, and the community in which the school would be located. In the selection of school sites, the Board shall be guided by the criteria established in this procedure.

PROCESS:

1. School sites should be located as near as is practical to the centre of the catchment area they are expected to serve.
2. Elementary school sites should be located away from major arterial streets or highways.
3. As much as possible, school sites should be located in neighbourhoods which are not divided by major arterial streets or highways.
4. It is desirable for school sites to be located in such a way as to facilitate joint use of the sites and adjacent parks and playgrounds by the school and community.
5. In areas where water and sewer services are not available, appropriate tests to determine water supply and proper drainage will be done prior to purchase.
6. The services of a real estate firm may be utilized to locate sites. The District is to be an undisclosed purchaser unless otherwise authorized by the Board.