

What if I move during the school year?

If you move out of your current school's catchment area, but still remain within Turtle Mountain School Division boundaries, you **may** be asked to transfer to the school whose catchment area you have moved into. Please see your current school principal.

What if I want to withdraw from my School of Choice?

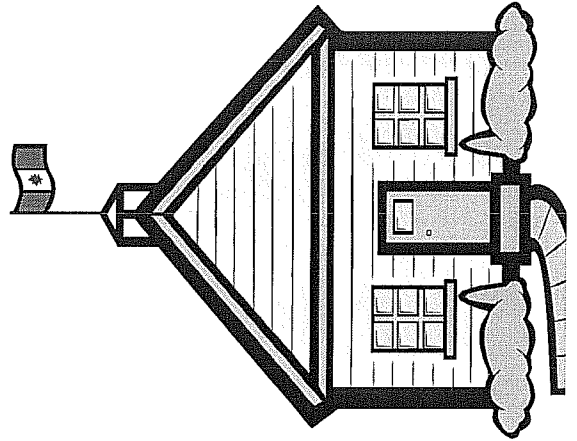
A pupil who has been approved to attend a School of Choice in the Division may withdraw from that school. However, under such circumstances, the Division is not obligated to accept the return of the student to the home school and reserves the right to designate the school to which the pupil shall be assigned.

Can I be designated a guardian?

The only person(s) that can request a school of choice for a student under 18 years of age are the parent(s)/legal guardian. If other than parents, legal guardianship can only be awarded by a court of law.

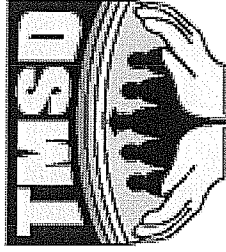
**Schools of
Turtle Mountain School Division**

SCHOOLS	GRADE LEVELS	PHONE NUMBER
Boissevain	K-12	534-2494
Killarney	K-12	523-4696
Minto	K-8	776-2041
Holmfield Colony	K-12	523-4355
Mayfair Colony	K-12	523-8768
Wellwood Colony	K-12	776-2344
Can Am Colony	K-12	776-2151
Turtle Mountain Adult Education Centre		
Boissevain: 534-6121		
Killarney: 523-4492		



For Residents of
Turtle Mountain School Division

**School of Choice
Procedures
and
Guidelines**



*The future is
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Important Definitions

School of Choice is defined as the ability of a pupil(s) to select, for attendance purposes, a school other than their assigned catchment area school.

Home school is defined as the school where the pupil(s) would be expected to be registered due to the fact that their parent/legal guardian resides in this school's catchment area.

How do I know it applies to me?

School of Choice applies to students choosing a school other than their home school. This choice is applicable to cases both within a school division and between two school divisions.

If you are unsure as to the designated home school for your child, please contact one of our schools or the division office for clarification on the catchment area boundaries.

It is important to note that for School of Choice purposes, it is the primary residence of the parent/legal guardian that determines the home school of a student until that student reaches the age of 18 years. This rule applies even when a student is not living with their parent/legal guardian.

Applying to a School of Choice

The First Step:

Visit a Divisional school and pick up the official School of Choice application form. Once completed, return the **application form to your School of Choice on or before May 15** to be eligible for consideration to attend the school for the next fall term. **A school is under no legislated obligation to consider applications received after May 15.**

What happens next?

The school to which application has been made will advise the pupil's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) whether or not that pupil has been accepted for the upcoming fall term. A school may deny an application for choice.

The Home School/Division will also be informed of the decision by June 30.

Do I have to apply to the school each year, if I've been accepted?

No. Once accepted into a School of Choice, the pupil is entitled to continue at that school, year after year, as an approved pupil of that school.

Manitoba Education, Training and Youth does not allow for siblings to be given School of Choice priority once one member of the family has been accepted in the school. Each child requires a separate application form.

Will I be eligible for transportation to my School of Choice?

Exercising your right to School of Choice does not allow for transportation services. Arrangements can be made to meet an existing bus route at a designated time. The Turtle Mountain School Division Transportation Coordinator (534-2553) can advise you in this matter.

What if I miss the May 15 deadline?

After May 15 you may still request that a School of Choice application be approved.

This late application will require approval by the Board of Trustees before the pupil can attend school.

If the parent/legal guardian resides outside the Turtle Mountain School Division, a transfer fee will be charged.

For further information on late applications, please contact the Division Office 523-7531.

Can I appeal the decision?

Yes, you can appeal the decision of the Division in any case where a School of Choice application is denied. You should submit your appeal to the Division Office c/o the Secretary-Treasurer.

