

Anglophone South
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Saint John Education Centre

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HANDBOOK

FOR

HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

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REGISTRATION PROCESS

ENROLMENT NUMBERS

(Equal Distribution of Enrolment based on current grade 8 students)

The District Education Council of ASDS through the Superintendent wishes to ensure that each high school in the Saint John Education Centre area offers a full range of programming. This historical belief and practice requires an equal distribution of grade 9 students across the four Saint John Education Centre High Schools. These numbers are established yearly based on the total number of current grade 8 students eligible to enter high school in September.

Enrolment Numbers for the 2021-2022 academic school year are:

Projected Grade 9 Enrolment	Enrolment number
836	209 students/ school

SCHOOL ZONES

School Zone	High School
East of the Causeway	Simonds High School
Areas between the Causeway and the Reversing Falls Bridge	Saint John High School OR St. Malachy's Memorial High School
West of the Reversing Falls Bridge	Harbour View High School

REGISTRATION FORM

1. All Grade 8 students in the Saint John Education Centre will receive a high school registration form.
2. The registration form includes the zoned high school(s) according to your current residential address.
3. Students will identify their first and second preference of high school on their registration form.
4. All Grade 8 students will submit their registration forms by the deadline established by the Director of Schools.
5. Students not registered by the deadline will be contacted to register, and their registration will be treated as a late registration.

PROCESSING REGISTRATIONS

1. Registration forms will be distributed and collected by the Middle Schools.
2. Registration forms will be sent to the Saint John Education Centre for collation and establishing equal enrolment distribution among the 4 Saint John high schools.
3. All parents/guardians will receive a letter indicating the result of the registration process.

STUDENTS REQUESTING THEIR ZONED SCHOOL BY THE DEADLINE

If the number of students indicating a preference for their zoned school **does not** exceed the number of available grade 9 spaces for that school, then all the students requesting their zoned school will be placed in that high school.

STUDENTS REQUESTING OUT OF ZONE SCHOOL BY THE DEADLINE

If a high school has **not** reached its enrolment number after all students from its zone have been placed, then students who have requested placement in an out of zone school will fill the remaining spaces using the following procedure:

- If the total number of students requesting out of zone placement **DOES NOT** exceed the total number of remaining available grade 9 spaces as allowed by the equal distribution of students, and it does not create an imbalance at their zoned school, then all students requesting out of zone placement will be admitted.
- If the total number of students requesting out of zone placement **DOES** exceed the total number of remaining available grade 9 spaces, then **ALL** out of zone registrants will be placed in a random draw-down [names drawn, counting down], which will continue until the maximum number of spaces for that school is reached.
- The random draw will establish a placement list for the schools, with the first name drawn being the first name assigned to the school. First preference registration forms will be put in a random draw separated by East and West until the enrolment number is met.
- An additional waiting list from first preference choices will be established and in effect until September 30, 2021 at which time the waiting list will be dissolved and students will remain in the school they are attending.
- The draw will take place at the Saint John Education Centre. The Director of Schools will invite high school principals, and representatives of the Parent School Support Committees to be present.

LATE REGISTRATIONS

Students who do not register by the established deadline will be placed by Saint John Education Centre personnel and notified by mail no later than April 30, 2021.

If the student requests his/her zoned school, and there is space available, he/she will be assigned to that school.

If the school requested is filled at the grade 9 level at the time of the registration, the late registrant will be placed in the school of their second preference or their community school based on availability.

Late registrants will be placed at the end of any waiting list in any draw-down procedure.

RETENTIONS

A current high school student retained at a particular grade level will be given a space at that school before a student on a waiting list is admitted to the school.

ADMINISTERING THE WAITING LIST

Once a waiting list for a high school has been created, a student's eligibility for placement in that school will be determined by the student's position on the waiting list and the student's program of studies (English or French Immersion).

As spaces become available Saint John Education Centre personnel will contact the next eligible student on the waiting list to offer him/her a place at the school. If the student declines the offer, then the next eligible student on the waiting list will be contacted and offered the option of attending the school.

This process may be completed before school begins in September but, if not; the list will be maintained until September 30, 2021 when it will be dissolved and any students still on the waiting list will remain in the school they are attending.

No student will be admitted to Grade 9 as long as there is a waiting list for that school. However, if a student moves into a school's zone after the commencement of school then that student may be admitted to the high school if space is available. Proof of residence will be required. Acceptable proof of residence is a driver's license and/or a utility bill. Proof of residency is included in provincial Policy 804.

Students will not be admitted to a school by maximizing class sizes at the school. The process described above will be adhered to and students from the wait list will only be admitted when a "new" grade 9 student leaves the over-subscribed school.

REGISTRATION OF RESIDENT & NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Students Living Inside the Saint John Education Centre Boundaries – Not Currently Attending a Saint John Education Centre Middle School

Students will be registered for high school following the process defined for Saint John Education Centre students. The zone school for these students will be determined by their permanent home address.

It is the responsibility of the student and/or parent/guardian to ensure that registration forms are obtained, completed and submitted to the Saint John Education Centre office in accordance with established deadlines.

Registration forms can be obtained from the Saint John Education Centre Office, 490 Woodward Avenue, Saint John, NB, E2K 5N3 on February 4, 2021.

Students currently attending a private school or being home-schooled must also obtain a “School Entry Permit” to attend public school. These permits are available at the Saint John Education Centre office.

All completed registrations will be processed according to the published timelines and students will receive a letter indicating the result of the registration process.

Students Living Outside the Saint John Education Centre Boundaries

Students whose permanent home address is outside the boundaries of the Saint John Education Centre and who wish to register to attend high school in the Saint John Education Centre, must first register at a high school in their own community.

These students will also complete a “Request for Student Placement (Policy 355): Within & Between Centres & Districts”. These forms are available at the students’ school, education centre, school district office and on the ASDS website under policies.

The completed form is to be submitted to the Director of Schools in the Education Centre where the student resides. The form is reviewed, signed by the Director and sent to the Saint John Education Centre Director of Schools for processing.

The request will be processed if:

- a) There is a sound reason for the request; and
- b) There is space available in the specified school after the placement of all Saint John Education Centre students.

Students will receive a letter indicating the status of their request on or before April 30th, 2021.

INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS/TEACHERS

A copy of the Handbook for High School Registrations must be located in each middle and high school. A copy of the Handbook is available on the Anglophone South School District website: www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca

Each grade 8 and grade 9 teacher, guidance counselor, and teacher who deals with high school registrations must be aware of the process and the information contained in the handbook.

Notice to Parents /Guardians /Students

In February, an information sheet on the high school registration process will be sent home with students.

This will include information on distribution and deadline dates for the registration forms. It will also notify parents/students that middle and high schools have handbooks available should they have questions regarding the process and that the handbook is also accessible through the Saint John Education Centre website.

Information Sessions

Information sessions will be virtual this year and will be available on the school websites the week of February 8th – February 12th.

A blackout period for high schools has been established for events being organized and/or sponsored by high schools which would have middle school students as the target audience, prior to the information sessions associated with the high school registration process. The date for the blackout period will be determined each year in consultation with high school principals.

While everyone is welcomed to view any Information Session, students and parents should **be aware that the registration process will ensure that students will be equally distributed to each high school in the Saint John Education Centre.**

Students are encouraged to view the Information Session for their zoned school as identified in the letter included with their registration information.

Submission of Completed Registration Forms

Middle school principals are responsible for collecting the Registration Forms from the homeroom teachers, and for ensuring that the completed forms are delivered to the Director of Schools at the Saint John Education Office on the date specified.

A copy of the grade 8 class list including the student name, parent/guardian name, mailing address, and telephone number must accompany the completed Registration Forms.

Missing Registration Forms should be indicated on the class list.

Registration Forms are to be maintained in alphabetical order by class. They are not to be separated according to high school chosen.

Student Retention / Changes in Status

In June, middle schools will report to the Director of Schools, the names of all grade 8 retentions, grade 8 students attending Summer School as well as students moving out of the Saint John Education Centre area.

DATES AND DEADLINES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 REGISTRATION

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| February 4, 2021 | High School Registration Forms will be distributed to grade 8 students by their homeroom teacher. |
| February 17, 2021 (Noon) | Deadline for completed registration forms to be returned to the student's homeroom teacher. |
| | <p>Middle school homeroom teachers ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration Forms are signed by parent/guardian; ▪ Registration Forms are dated, with time noted, and initialed by them; ▪ contact is made with the parent/guardian, if forms are not returned; and ▪ ensure that two preferences are listed |
| February 17, 2021 (Noon) | <p>Middle school principals ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Forms are collected from the homeroom teachers; ▪ Summaries are emailed to Saint John Education Centre |
| February 18, 2021 | All forms are delivered to the Saint John Education Centre |
| April 30, 2021 | Education Centre personnel will notify students by mail, no later than April 30, to their home address as to their grade 9 placement and/or placement on a wait list. These letters will be addressed to parents/guardians of the student. |
| April 30, 2021 | Status letters will be mailed to those students making requests to transfer between Education Centres, and to those requesting placement at Saint John High School for the IB Program once the Saint John Education Centre registration is complete. |

****Early registrations WILL NOT be accepted at the Education Centre Office****

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HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS For Grade 8 Students to Enter September 2021

INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Information Sessions will be virtual this year and will be available for viewing online the week of February 8, 2021 – February 12, 2021.

School websites can be found under “Schools” at: www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca

****ALL SESSIONS ARE VIRTUAL****

- While everyone is welcome to view all information sessions, students and parents must be aware that students will be distributed evenly with 209 new grade 9 students at each high school in the Saint John Education Centre. Students are encouraged to view the information session for their zoned school, as identified in the letter sent with this information, but if they wish to be considered for a school other than their zoned school, they may also wish to view the information session for that school.
- Zoned schools are considered to be:
 - Simonds High School: East of the Causeway
 - St. Malachy’s Memorial High School: All area between the Causeway and the Reversing Falls Bridge
 - Saint John High School: All area between the Causeway and the Reversing Falls Bridge
 - Harbour View High School: West of the Reversing Falls Bridge
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