

Early French Immersion – Proposed Catchment Area Changes Announcement

October 29, 2020

As a part of the annual district-wide catchment boundary review, some Early French Immersion catchment areas for the 2021-2022 school year have been identified for proposed changes. This is a continuation of our district's work to provide a sustainable French Immersion program within SD43.

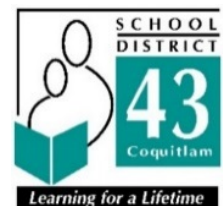
Please feel free to provide feedback via the survey link found on the last page of this announcement.

Desired Outcomes of These Proposed Catchment Changes

- Balance populations within catchment areas to match the size of the Early French Immersion program
 - A larger Early French Immersion program will have proportionately larger catchment area
- Optimize proximity and access to the programs
- Sustain the enrolment of the Early French Immersion program

Policy 19: Student Attendance Areas

- Student Attendance Areas and Catchments are governed by Policy 19: Student Attendance Areas.
- To note:
 - The school district has both English program catchment areas and French Immersion catchment areas for elementary schools.
 - These proposed changes will only impact incoming Kindergarten students not connected to the sibling clause.
 - All students currently attending a French Immersion school may continue at that school as well as siblings of the continuing students (Policy 19 – Clause 9).
 - Access to Early French Immersion is done through a draw with priority given to applicants within their home French Immersion catchment.
 - Students may attend any French Immersion program subject to space availability.

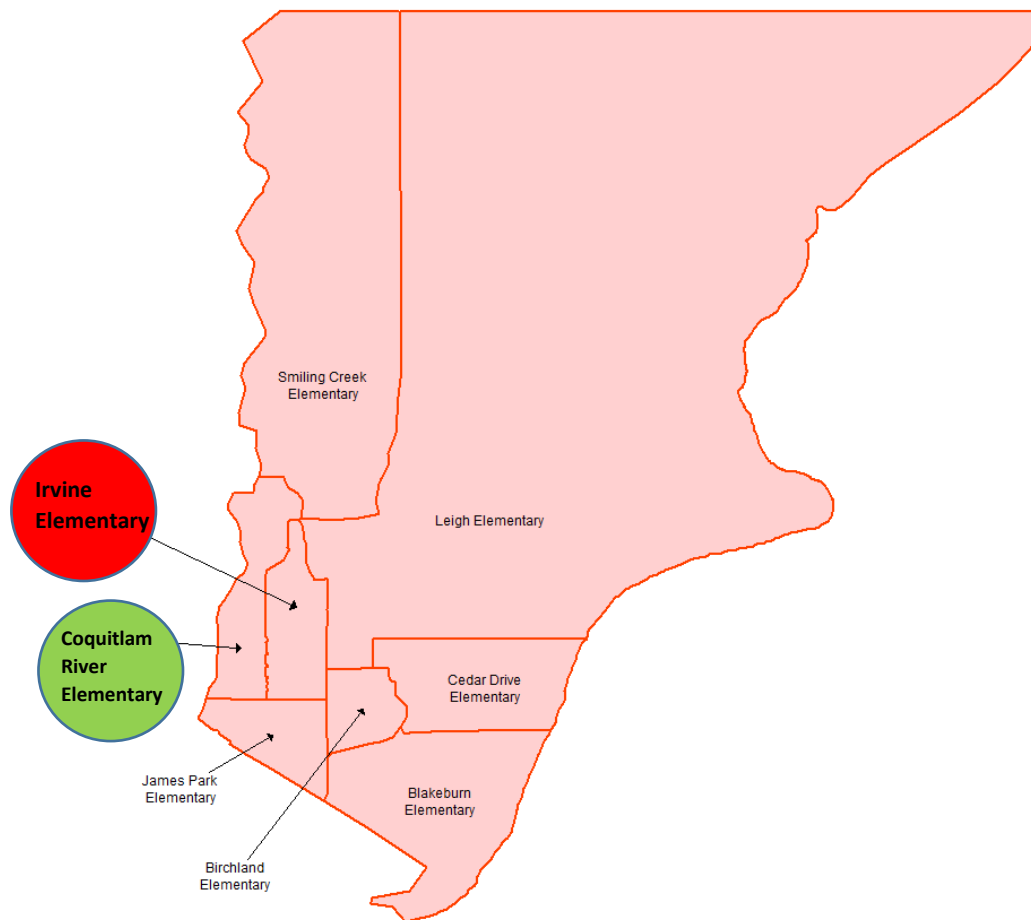


Current French Immersion Areas (Northeast Quadrant)

- In the Northeast Quadrant of the school district, French Immersion programs are currently located at:
 - **Coquitlam River Elementary**
 - **Irvine Elementary**

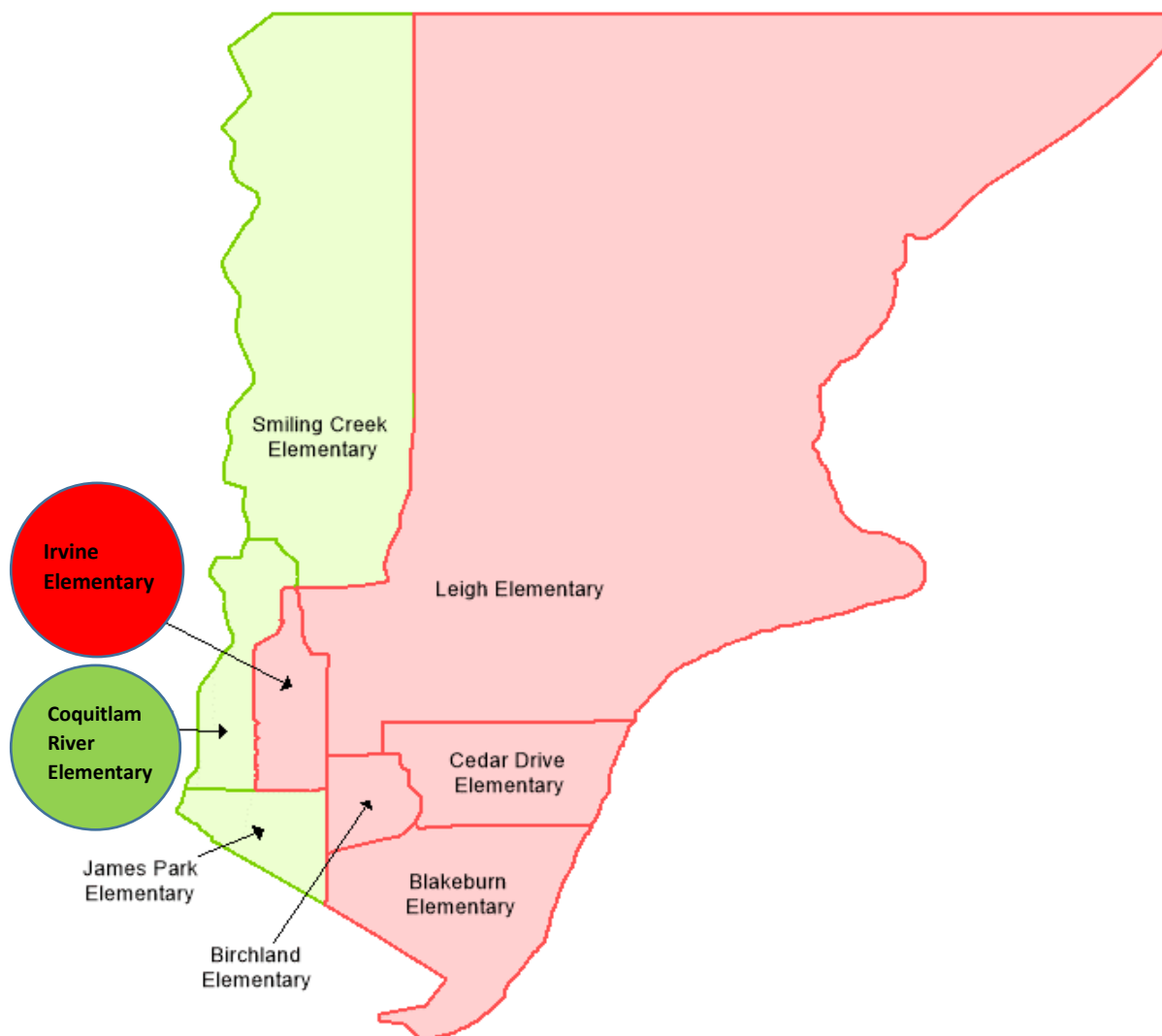
Current French Immersion Catchment Areas (Northeast Quadrant)

- In the northeast quadrant elementary schools, only Irvine Elementary has a French Immersion catchment area with Coquitlam River Elementary being an overflow school.



Proposed New French Immersion Catchment Areas (Northeast Quadrant)

- Proposed to have French Immersion catchments split along English regular program catchment lines as shown in red and green below.
- Allows for creation of a French Immersion catchment area for both Coquitlam River and Irvine as they both have Kindergarten to Grade 5 programs.
- This change is only for new Kindergarten students beginning in 2021.



Early French Immersion Catchment Areas Summary and Feedback (Northeast Quadrant)

Early French Immersion Catchment Areas Summary Chart (Northeast Quadrant):

Regular School Elementary Catchment	Current French Immersion Elementary Catchment	Proposed New French Immersion Elementary Catchment
Coquitlam River	Irvine*	Coquitlam River
James Park	Irvine*	Coquitlam River
Smiling Creek	Irvine*	Coquitlam River
Birchland	Irvine*	Irvine
Blakeburn	Irvine*	Irvine
Cedar Drive	Irvine*	Irvine
Irvine	Irvine*	Irvine
Leigh	Irvine*	Irvine

*Coquitlam River Elementary is currently the overflow catchment for Irvine Elementary

Early French Immersion Catchment Areas Feedback:

You can provide your feedback by 4 pm on Friday, November 13th via the following survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catchmentchanges>