

# Early French Immersion – Proposed Catchment Area Changes Announcement

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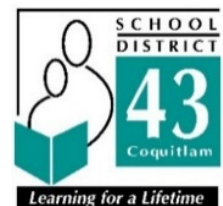
As a part of the annual district-wide catchment boundary review, some Early French Immersion catchment areas for the 2021-2022 school year have been identified for proposed changes. This is a continuation of our district's work to provide a sustainable French Immersion program within SD43. **Please feel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

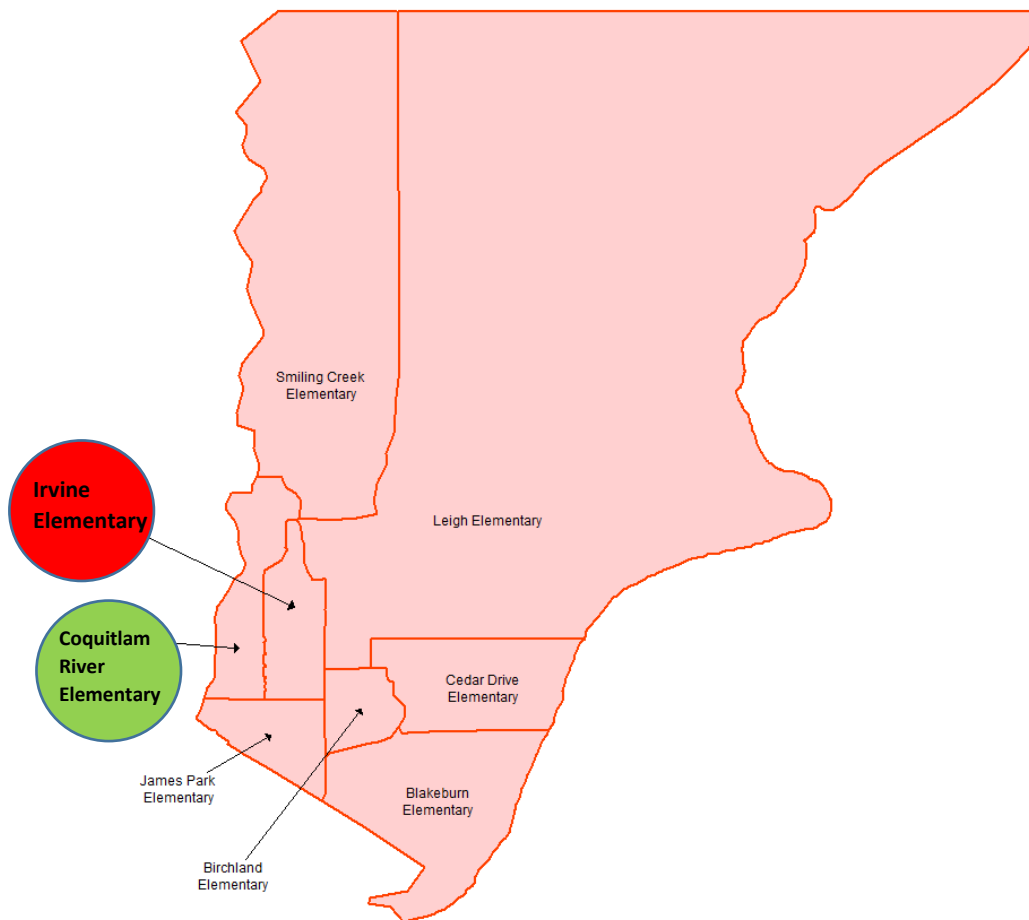


# Current French Immersion Areas (Northeast Quadrant)

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

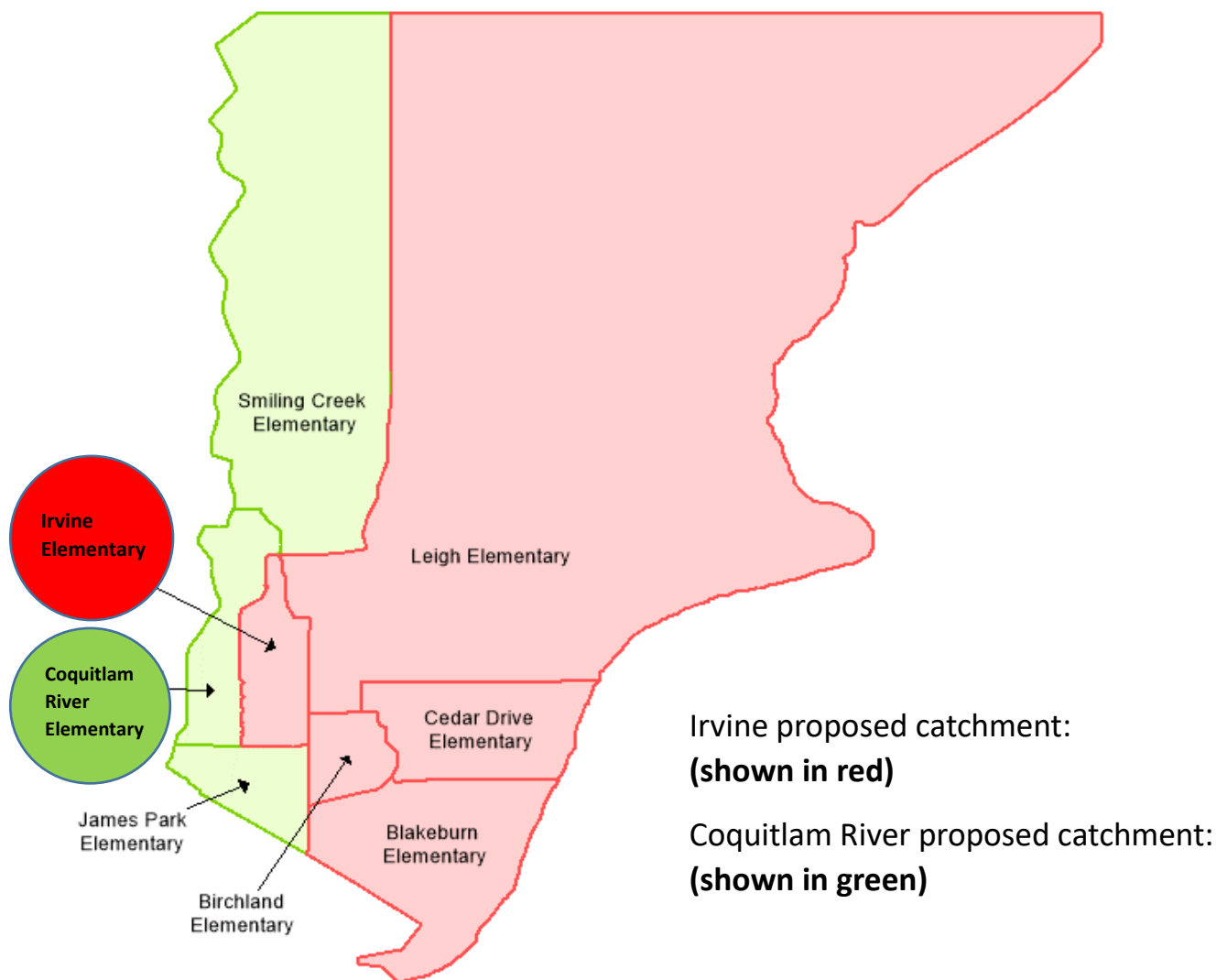
## Current French Immersion Catchment Areas (Northeast Quadrant)

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> via the following survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catchmentchanges>