



April 10, 2025

Dear South Canoe Parents/Guardians,

We want to keep you informed as we move forward with grade reconfiguration and changes to our school catchment areas in the Salmon Arm urban and rural area.

Starting in fall 2025, the new secondary school catchments will apply to Grades 10 and 11. During the 2025-2026 school year only:

- All Grade 9 students will attend J.L. Jackson Secondary.
- All Grade 12 students will attend Salmon Arm Secondary.

Following the January 2025 Board Meeting, we shared information with families about the three-year transition plan for these changes. At that time, a decision had not yet been made regarding which secondary school students from South Canoe Outdoor School would attend.

Beginning in fall 2026, all secondary students will attend their designated school based on their catchment area:

JL Jackson Catchment Areas	Salmon Arm Secondary Catchment Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hillcrest• North Canoe• Rancho• Silver Creek• French Immersion Students (Program of Choice)• South Canoe Outdoor School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bastion• Carlin• North Shuswap• Salmon Arm West• South Broadview• Sorrento

We can now confirm that students from South Canoe Outdoor School will attend J.L. Jackson (JLJ) for secondary school.

Starting in 2026, South Canoe families who live within the Salmon Arm Secondary (SAS) catchment area and who are transitioning to secondary school in the fall, will have the option to attend either JLJ or SAS. This decision will need to be made by March 31, 2026. Once the decision is made, the student will remain at the chosen school for the remainder of their high school years. If you live within the SAS catchment and choose to have your child attend JLJ, a transfer bus will be available to transport students from SAS to JLJ. To access transportation services, you must notify the Transportation Department to register (250-832-9415).

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Findlay, Director of Instruction for Early Years and Elementary, by email (jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca) or phone (250-804-7824).

Sincerely,

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