

Anglophone South
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Saint John Education Centre

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HANDBOOK
FOR
HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS
(In the Saint John Education Centre)

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CHOOSING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

Students in Saint John are given the opportunity to request their preferred high school when entering Grade 9. This is a unique process due to population distribution within the Saint John Education Centre (SJEC). All other high schools in ASD-S enroll based on a student's locally zoned school. Students in the SJEC are placed in their zoned school by default, based on residential address, but may request an out-of-zone school. Preference is given to in-zone students, and remaining spaces are filled through a random draw.

To ensure a full range of programming at each high school in the SJEC, student enrollment must be balanced across all four schools. As a result, some out-of-zone requests may not be accommodated. While every school is unique in some ways, students will receive a high quality education at any high school in our district.

Every high school offers the required courses for the New Brunswick High School Diploma, with additional courses based on local availability. Students also have access to distance, virtual, and independent learning opportunities, as well as a wide range of extracurricular activities such as clubs, arts, and athletics. Each school is supported by dedicated staff and offers a strong sense of community and school spirit.

Because the high schools in the Saint John Education Centre offer similar programs and opportunities, some students and families may be unsure which school to select as their first preference. Requests may be based on a variety of factors, with the understanding that not all requests can be accommodated. Preference is given to students who request their zoned school, and remaining spaces for out-of-zone students are filled through a random draw. The placement of siblings or other family members does not influence school placement decisions.

All Grade 9 students will receive a welcome and orientation to their high school prior to the commencement of classes.

At a Glance: Zoned and Out-of-Zone High School Options (SJEC)

The chart below provides an overview of zoned high schools and the out-of-zone options available within the Saint John Education Centre.

Zoned School	Out-of-Zone School Options
Simonds High School	Saint John High School or St. Malachy's Memorial High School
Harbour View High School	Saint John High School or St. Malachy's Memorial High School
Saint John High School / St. Malachy's Memorial High School	Simonds High School or Harbour View High School

Placement in an out-of-zone school is subject to space availability and the registration and placement process outlined in this handbook.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

REGISTRATION

All Grade 8 students in the Saint John Education Centre will receive a high school registration form from their homeroom teacher on **January 29, 2026**. This form will indicate the high school they are zoned for, based on the residential address currently on file with the school district. It is important that this information is accurate and up to date.

Families may also refer to the ***Which School Do I Attend?*** tool on the ASD-S website to confirm their zoned school: [BusPlanner Web – Eligibility Tool](#)

Please note: Saint John High School and St. Malachy's Memorial High School share a geographical zone. Students residing in this area are zoned for both schools.

Students will be placed in their zoned school by default but may request a preferred high school. Students must indicate their requested school on the form and submit it to their homeroom teacher by the deadline: **February 4, 2026 (noon)**.

School placement is determined by Anglophone South School District. All parents/guardians will receive written confirmation of their child's school placement no later than **March 27, 2026**. Students who register after the deadline will be notified by mail no later than April 30, 2026.

SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Students who request their zoned school as their preferred choice, by the deadline, will be placed in that high school. Those students zoned for both Saint John High School and St. Malachy's Memorial High School may choose between the two.

Students who do not submit a form will be placed in their zoned school. For students in the central zone, they will be placed at either Saint John High School or St. Malachy's Memorial High School according to space availability.

If a high school has remaining spaces available after accommodating all in-zone students, these spaces will be filled by out-of-zone students who have requested placement there.

Placement of out-of-zone students

- If there is enough space to accommodate the requests from out-of-zone students, then any students requesting out-of-zone placement will be admitted.
- If the total number of students requesting out-of-zone placement **exceeds** the total number of available spaces in a school, then all out-of-zone registrants will be placed in a random draw to fill the remaining spaces, which will continue until the maximum number of spaces for that school is reached.

- If a student moves into a different zone during or after the Grade 9 registration process, they will be admitted to their zoned high school **if space is available**. Proof of residence will be required. We may ask you to present recent original driver's license, government issued identification, utility bill (e.g. SJ Energy, NB Power), bank statement, insurance document, etc. that contains the parent/guardian's name and address, as the necessary proof. Please note: Cell phone bills and lease agreements will not be accepted.

Additional Placement Opportunities

Students who are not initially placed in their preferred school will remain in the random draw for that school until the closing date. If a space becomes available, a student will be selected at random, and the family will be notified of the updated school placement. Families who do not wish to remain in the random draw must notify the Director of Schools.

There will be no movement between schools after June 30, 2026, except during the summer review period.

Between August 31 and September 4, 2026, a random draw will again be used to fill any spaces that have become available over the summer. School placements will be finalized by September 4, 2026.

Students who later decide they no longer wish to attend their preferred school may request to return to their zoned school for second semester, in accordance with ASD-S Policy 355.