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# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY)

No. 6425.1

## REGULATION: SCHOOL SIZE

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### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The permanent component of schools should be limited in size to the projected \*mature student population of the anticipated catchment area.
- 1.2 Where circumstances suggest that a school be built in excess of the size limit outlined in policy, a report with recommendations will be presented to the Board.
- 1.3 New schools should be designed to permit the construction of additional space.
- 1.4 Portable and modular classrooms may be used to accommodate students during \*\*peak student population years prior to a community having a mature population.

### 2. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- 2.1 If the capacity of any existing school:
  - (a) exceeds 80 kindergarten + 500 grades 1 - 7 students, as a general rule, no additions should be undertaken;
  - (b) is less than 80 kindergarten + 500 grades 1 - 7 students, additions normally should be limited to bring a school to the capacity which can accommodate up to 80 kindergarten + 500 grades 1 - 7 students.

### 3. SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- 3.1 Additions to existing schools should be limited to bring the school to a capacity which can accommodate up to 1,500 students.
- 3.2 New schools should be designed to permit the accommodation of 1,500 students.

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**4. LEARNING CENTRES**

4.1 The accommodation needs for a learning centre will normally be met through existing space in a vacant elementary or secondary school site, portables or modular classrooms or leased facilities.

4.2 The maximum size contemplated is up to 250 students on a variety of timetables.

\* Mature Student Population - This refers to the student enrolment several years after all housing has been built. Enrolment is normally stable with a significant proportion of families having no children in the public school system.

\*\* Peak Student Population - This refers to the highest student enrolment expected in a community area. It commonly occurs when a neighbourhood is relatively new, having a high proportion of families with children in the public school system.

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