

New Burlington NE hs in Alton – (SRA 101)

THE FACTS

- The new Burlington NE hs Alton secondary school (SRA 101) is planned to open September 2013.
- The school is located at 3040 Tim Dobbie Drive in the Alton community.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who will attend the new high school when it opens in September 2013?

The new high schools will offer Grade 9 and 10 English and French Immersion programming in the year 2013-14, add Grade 11 in 2014-15 and add Grade 12 in 2015-16. The proposed grade structure would look like this,

School Year	Grades Offered
2013/2014	Grade 9 Grade 10
2014/2015	Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11
2015/2016	Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11 Grade 12

In this case, no grade 11 or 12 students will be required to change schools. Grade 9 students would be entering the secondary panel at the new high school. Grade 10 students are the only ones that will change schools.

How do I know if I live in the boundaries for attendance at the new high school?

The Halton District School Board approved the boundaries for the high schools in Burlington as outlined in Scenario 2 and of the SRA 101 Boundary Review report (Report 12070). These will be effective September 2013.

Will it open with portables?

No. However, typically new schools located in new neighbourhoods will have portables on site to accommodate enrolments at some point. The timing for any placement of portables will depend on factors such as demographics, the established boundary and program offerings at the school.

How big will the school be?

The new secondary school is planned to open as a 1200 pupil place school.

The school is planned to hold 1200 students but how many students can it realistically accommodate?

Generally speaking, there is about 10- 15% flexibility in the total capacity based on things like part-time students and creative timetabling.

What will the name of the school be?

HDSB names new schools in accordance with the [Naming New Schools](#) policy/procedure. This is a consultative procedure, which welcomes community input. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision based on a shortlist of potential names early in 2013.

What will the school bell times (school hours) be?

The school hours have not yet been determined. The school Principal has submitted a request to HSTS and will now follow the process as outlined in the Board's administrative procedure.

How can I keep updated on information related to the new high school?

The school's website is your best point of contact to learn more about the new high school. The address is www.avhs.hdsb.ca

Will optional 'attendance requests' be considered when the new boundaries take effect?

Optional Attendance requests to attend the new high school in Alton will be applied as per the [Board Procedure](#). Consideration for placement in the requested school is based on availability of student spaces; b) maintenance of program viability; c) reasons for the request; d) order in which applications are received, e) availability of internal resources. Please note that transportation is not provided for optional attendance students.

Grade 8 to 9 optional attendance requests for students residing in the boundary of the new Burlington NE high school and will be granted if a sibling will be attending the requested high school at the same time. Transportation will not be provided, as per the Halton District School Board 'Optional Attendance' Administrative Procedure.

Optional Attendance requests from current grade 9 students wishing to continue to attend Nelson, M.M. Robinson, Robert Bateman and Lester B. Pearson High Schools will be denied unless program related. However, current grade 9 students attending Nelson, M.M. Robinson, Robert Bateman and Lester B. Pearson High Schools and who reside in the boundary of the new Burlington NE high school, may be considered for optional attendance if a sibling will be attending the requested high school at the same time. Transportation will not be provided, as per the Halton District School Board 'Optional Attendance' Administrative Procedure.

I live south of Dundas Street and will be attending the new high school. Since this is a very busy road, will the Board provide transportation?

Transportation will be provided in accordance with Board Policy. Based on the policy Halton Student Transportation Services will be reviewing transportation boundaries for the new school for the 2013/2014 school year. As part of this process they will be assessing walking conditions, which will include reviewing with Halton Region the speed limits along Dundas Street. Burlington Transit will also be requested to provide 'school specials' for areas that are within walking distance and not eligible for transportation (especially those south of Dundas Street).

If I do not meet the Board's transportation requirements, what is the process for applying for a "courtesy seat"?

Where bus routes have been established and there is available space on a bus, students who are not eligible for transportation based on distance, may apply for permission to ride the bus. This will be applied uniformly in all schools throughout the jurisdiction of Halton Student Transportation Services. Please note that Courtesy Seat Applications will not be processed before October 1st. For more information and to download the application, please go to <http://www.haltonbus.ca/>

Will Gifted and I.B. (International Baccalaureate) Programs be offered at the new high school?

In terms of an IB program, the process to become accredited is complex. It could take at a minimum 3 years once the school is built and populated to be an accredited IB school. The assumption used in developing boundary scenarios was that IB would continue to be offered Robert Bateman High School. With regards to gifted, the current assumption is that gifted clustering would continue to be offered as it currently is at Nelson High School.

The boundary scenario approved by the Board did not incorporate Gifted or IB enrolments into the new Burlington NE High School projections. These programs will remain at their current high schools.

My child is currently attending a Life Skills program placement at Robert Bateman High School. Will this program be relocated as part of this review?

The scenario approved by the Board stated that self-contained placements would not be moved. The new Burlington NE High School is not proposed to open with any self-contained placements.

My child is currently attending the late French Immersion Program at Sir Ernest MacMillan Elementary School (grd 7-8)/ Lester B. Pearson High School (grd. 9-12). Will this program be relocated as part of this review?

The scenario approved by the Board stated that the late French Immersion program should remain at Lester B. Pearson High School. The new Burlington NE high school is not proposed to open with a late FI program.

We live in North Headon Forest and my child is attending the French Immersion program at CRB. Can they attend the new high school?

Students residing in North Headon Forest are directed to Clarksdale, Rolling Meadows and M.M. Robinson for French Immersion. Transportation will be provided subject to the 'French As A Second Language' policy of the Board.

However, in accordance with the 'grandfathering' provision in the Alton Elementary Boundary Review recommendation #4, there is a small group of North Headon Forest students who are eligible to attend the new Burlington NE high school for FI. Details of eligibility and transportation are explained in that document.