



RE: White Oaks Secondary School re-direction to Thomas A. Blakelock High School – North of Dundas Street in the Town of Oakville

December 9, 2021

As a result of ongoing enrolment growth at White Oaks Secondary School, driven primarily by the North Oakville Secondary Plan area north of Dundas Street, HDSB staff have implemented a temporary redirection of secondary school students to T.A. Blakelock High School. This redirection will be phased over two years, starting in Sept. 2022, and will remain in place until the new Oakville NE #1 HS is open. [Board Report 21143](#) was presented to the Board of Trustees on Nov. 17, 2021 outlining the temporary redirection.

What does this mean for the students and families north of Dundas Street in Oakville in the English or French Immersion Programs?

The affected school communities are strictly located north of Dundas Street and are identified in the attached map and listed below:

- **English Program:** River Oaks P.S., Falgarwood P.S., Palermo P.S.
- **French Immersion Program:** Munn's P.S., Sunningdale P.S., and Palermo P.S.

Students currently in Grades 5-7:

New and existing students who reside north of Dundas Street, will be redirected to T.A. Blakelock H.S. until the new Oakville NE #1 HS opens, and the completion of a boundary review process to define final attendance areas. School bus transportation will be provided.

Students currently in Grade 8:

Students who reside north of Dundas Street from the above listed elementary schools will attend White Oaks S.S. for English and French Immersion for Sept. 2022. School bus transportation will be provided.

What about specialized program offerings?

Students located north of Dundas Street in Oakville will continue to attend the following secondary school locations listed below until the new Oakville NE #1 HS opens, and the completion of a boundary review process to define final attendance areas and programs.

- Essential Program - White Oaks S.S.
- Community Pathways Program (CPP) - White Oaks S.S.
- Secondary Gifted Placement - Iroquois Ridge H.S.

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- Accelerated Learning Program - White Oaks S.S. ([fall application process](#)), for students who intend on pursuing the International Baccalaureate program in Grades 11 and 12
- I-STEM Program ([fall application process](#)):
 - Aldershot H.S. (Burlington)
 - Elsie MacGill S.S. (Milton)

The I-STEM program is also being implemented at T.A. Blakelock H.S., effective Sept. 2023, starting with Grade 9 students. The application process in Fall 2022 will include this third location option.

How can we find out more information?

Planning Services and HSTS will be updating the [Find My Local School](#) and Transportation Eligibility (April 2022) sites with this information. A [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page on this redirection has also been added to address situations that may be more specific to you and your family.

We encourage you to contact Planning Services by email at plan@hdsb.ca or by phone at 905-335-3663 if you have any questions with regard to this temporary redirection.