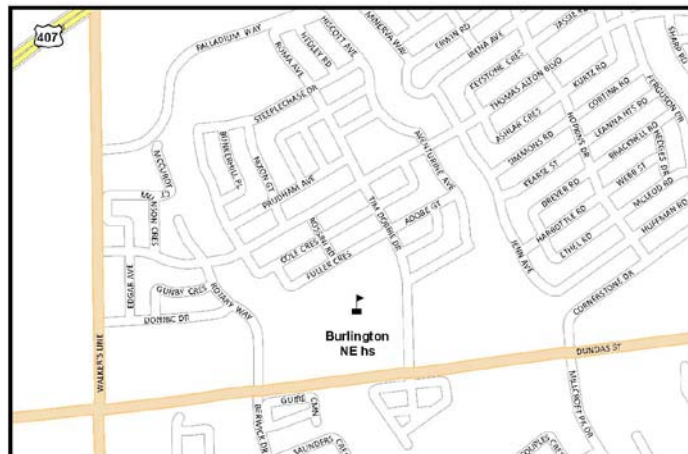


Burlington NE hs – Alton Secondary School (SRA 101)

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

How will I be kept informed about the boundary process?

There was an Open House on Tuesday March 1st 2012. When the Boundary Review Committee has news and information to share with the community, it could be done through a variety of means such as ads in the newspaper (for public meetings), messages/flyers from your school, emails and website updates posted to <http://www.hdsb.ca>

Please note that a Public Information Meeting will be held on April 17, 2012 (2474 Sutton Drive, Burlington) starting at 7 p.m. The proposed school boundary scenario will be presented.

How long does it take to build a high school?

Construction of a new secondary school typically takes 18 months. Further information about school construction and timelines can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

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.

Will it open with portables?

Typically, new schools located in new neighbourhoods will have portables on site to accommodate enrolments. The timing for the placement of portables will depend on factors such as demographics, the established boundary and program offerings at the school.

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What will the name of the school be?

HDSB names new schools in accordance with the [Naming New Schools](#) 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 in the Fall of 2012.

Will there be any changes to the ‘optional attendance’ status (open or closed) of other Burlington high schools when the new boundaries take effect?

Optional Attendance will be applied as per the [Board Procedure](#). If there is space in any of the schools (both from a program perspective and population), optional attendance will be considered.

Will Gifted and IB (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 scenarios considered by the Boundary Review Committee did not incorporate Gifted or IB enrolments into the new Burlington NE High School projections.

My child will be in grade 12 in 2013. Will she have to relocate to the new Burlington NE High School?

The scenarios considered by the Boundary Review Committee all make the assumption that the new school will open with just grades 9 and 10 in 2013. 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.

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My child is currently attending a self contained life skills program at Robert Bateman High School. Will this program be relocated as part of this review?

The scenarios considered by the Boundary Review Committee all make the assumption that self contained programs not be moved. The new Burlington NE High School is not proposed to open with any self contained programming.