

# G8 Open House - Frequently Asked Questions

## Choosing Academic or Applied?

<p>Where can I find information on the selection of courses, about Bur Oak, student supports?</p>	<p>There are a wide variety of course options and supports available at Bur Oak. For specific details, please visit the Virtual Tour page of our G8 Open House Google Site for more details.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://bit.ly/BOSSopenhouse2021">https://bit.ly/BOSSopenhouse2021</a></p> <p>Or you can review slides 20 to 35 from the Bur Oak G8 Open House slide deck presentation for a quick overview of courses offered in each subject area.</p>
<p>How is the academic program structured?</p>	<p>Please review the Bur Oak G8 Open House slide deck, slide 18 discusses the differences between academic and applied programs.</p>
<p>What courses are mandatory for applied or academic?</p>	<p>Grade 9 students must take 5 required courses: math (now de-streamed for grade 9), English, science, geography and French. It is also recommended that they take their required arts and physical education courses in grade 9.</p>

## Enrolment and Registration

<p>How do I enrol my child for high school in September 2022</p>	<p>Bur Oak guidance counsellors will be visiting grade 8 classes in January to discuss course options for grade 9 students as well as reviewing how to choose courses on myBlueprint. Course selection due dates will be shared to students by their grade 8 teachers. Typically this is in early February.</p>
<p>If the child has a gifted designation and has a designated gifted school, do we apply for a transfer from that school or can we directly apply to Bur Oak?</p>	<p>The grade 8 teachers will inform students about the process of transferring to a gifted program. Once they have received confirmation of the transfer to the gifted program they may choose their courses at that school.</p>
<p>Do students need to register or the application will be automatically transferred from his/her elementary school?</p>	<p>Existing YRDSB students attending Wismer, Mount Joy, Fred Varley, John McCrae, Greensborough, and Donald Cousens will not need to complete a registration form. A guidance counsellor from Bur Oak will visit their school in January to instruct students on how to select courses on myblueprint.</p>

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## Enroll process for Student From Other School Boards

<p>My child attends a non YRDSB elementary school and Bur Oak is her home high school. What steps to take to register at BOSS?</p>	<p>You will need to complete a registration form:  <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/AboutUs/Policy/Documents/FOR-schooladmission-163-02.pdf">http://www.yrdsb.ca/AboutUs/Policy/Documents/FOR-schooladmission-163-02.pdf</a>            In January, you will need to make an appointment to come into the building and submit the signed registration form along with all the documentation listed on the yrdsb website:  <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Pages/School-Registration.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Pages/School-Registration.aspx</a>.</p> <p>To make an appointment please send an email to <a href="mailto:bur.oak.ss@yrdsb.ca">bur.oak.ss@yrdsb.ca</a> and an administrative assistant will be in contact with you to make arrangements.</p>
<p>My child currently attends a Catholic school, so there is no scheduled Bur Oak guidance counsellor visit in early 2021. Aside from the slides provided, how can we learn about course offerings in order to make good choices?</p>	<p>For students currently in non-YRDSB schools who have registered by January 2021: Guidance will arrange a group session to introduce families to the courses offered at Bur Oak and to help students select courses for their grade 9 year in February..</p>
<p>How do we get a gapps account if we are from private school</p>	<p>Unfortunately, these accounts are only available to current YRDSB students and staff. Once the student begins their schooling with YRDSB they will gain access with their newly activated account.</p>

## Extra-Curricular Activities

<p>What are the extracurricular activities available at the school?</p>	<p>Please review the Get Involved page on the G8 Open House Site. You will find a summary of each of the councils, clubs and sports teams offered at Bur Oak.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://bit.ly/BOSSopenhouse2021">https://bit.ly/BOSSopenhouse2021</a></p>
<p>Is the Instrumental Band an Extracurricular activity or a course?</p>	<p>Instrumental Band (AMI1O1) is a credit bearing course. It is intended to be taken in conjunction with the appropriate Repertoire course (AMR1O1), which is also a credit bearing course. Although the Repertoire credit occurs outside of the regular school day, it is not an extracurricular activity. The jazz programs and Music Council are extracurricular activities</p>

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## Specialized Programs like SHSM or AP?

<p>What AP courses are offered in Bur Oak?</p>	<p>We offer AP Calculus. Students write a test in grade 10 to apply for the pre-AP program.</p>
<p>What are the benefits of the AP program?</p>	<p>Advanced Placement Courses AP courses occur at the grade 12 level and are designed to provide students with background and knowledge equivalent to a first-year university course. They allow students the opportunity for enriched, intensive study in one or more subjects of interest and strength. Based on their performance on the standardized AP exam, students may earn a transfer credit, advanced placement or both for university. Each university decides independently how to recognize successful completion of AP courses and has a clearly articulated AP policy which students can access. AP courses cover both the Ontario curriculum and the AP content. Evaluation of the AP content occurs during the standardized AP exam (written annually in May). Many schools that offer AP courses decide to offer pre-AP courses in grades 9, 10 and 11. Pre-AP is more of a mindset than an actual destination or stream. The focus of pre-AP courses should be on developing the skills and habits of mind needed for success in AP courses, including inquiry and problem solving, critical thinking and creativity, communication and collaboration</p>
<p>What is SHSM?</p>	<p>SHSM is an opportunity for grade 11 and 12 students. It provides contextualized learning opportunities in various sectors (Health &amp; Wellness, Business and Energy). Students have the opportunities to extend their learning in various reach ahead and experiential learning opportunities.</p>
<p>What is the advantage of SHSM?</p>	<p>Students who complete the SHSM program will have a red seal on their diploma indicating this achievement. This seal indicates a level of training and knowledge beyond what is typically learned in high school related to their specific sector.</p>
<p>Is there an arts program in this school (i.e. Art, Drama, Dance, and Music)</p>	<p>Courses are available in visual art, drama and music. BOSS students have won awards in these areas and participate in events such as the National Theatre School DRAMAFEST and the Kiwanis Music Festival</p>
<p>Are there CO-OP Courses? How would students be put into the CO-OP Courses?</p>	<p>Cooperative Education (Co-Op) is a grade 11 and 12 course and is offered at Bur Oak.  In their grade 10 year, students can choose Co-Op during course selection. In March of grade 10, students will complete an application that indicates what area they're interested in. The co-op</p>

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	<p>department then arranges an interview with them where they would discuss different placement options. When students start the co-op course in the fall (or spring), there will be more discussion around placement options and an interview with the potential placement.</p>
<p>There are many schools offering a STEM program, is this worth it?</p>	<p>STEM is not a program but rather an interdisciplinary approach to learning where academic concepts are coupled with real-world lessons. Students apply science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in contexts that make connections between the classroom and the world around them, Bur Oak offers courses in all four of these areas. Interested students should consider the Energy SHSM as this combines many elements of STEM with the benefits of SHSM.</p>
<p>Would like to know more about how specialized courses help with future college applications.</p>	<p>Dual Credits are an amazing opportunity for Grade 12 students who are interested in exploring College and Apprenticeship programs while still in High School and earn credits for both Secondary and Post-Secondary schooling. See <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/dualcredits">www.yrdsb.ca/dualcredits</a> for more information.</p>
<p>Are there any psychology courses at BOSS?</p>	<p>BOSS offers the Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology course (HSP3U1) in grade 11 and both Challenge and Change (HSB4U1) and Families in Canada (HHS4U1). More about courses offered in all departments can be found in the <a href="#">Grade 8 Open House Google Site</a> or the <a href="#">Department pages</a> on our website</p>
<p>What French courses do you offer?</p>	<p>There are a wide variety of course options in French available at Bur Oak. For specific details, please visit the Virtual Tour page of our G8 Open House Google Site for more details.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://bit.ly/BOSSopenhouse2021">https://bit.ly/BOSSopenhouse2021</a></p>

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## Supports Available for Students

<p>Do you have IEP for special needs?</p>	<p>Yes. Students who have been formally identified through an IPRC process can access a number of supports through our Special Education Department</p>
<p>My child has autism, what level of support can I expect from high school?</p>	<p>The level of support provided to students diagnosed with autism is dependent on student need. Students who are achieving at or close to grade level may enroll in 8 credit courses and have a Special Education Resource teacher that consults with the student and teachers to ensure accommodations are provided, students are able to use learning skills to support their learning and will monitor their general well-being. Students who are working at or or close to grade level and require support with anxiety, appropriate social interactions within the classrooms and school as a whole as well as guidance with organization and structure, daily planning and task completion can be recommended by their grade 8 teachers for a credit bearing ASD program. Bur Oak no longer has this program, therefore students may be placed at local school for a 2 year ASD community class that offers 6 credit courses per year in addition to 2 non-credit bearing courses. Lastly, students in the Autism Community Class work toward a Certificate of Achievement. The class program is supported by student IEPs, with a focus on life skills, social skills, communication, functional academics and community integration. Transition support is also provided to ensure long-term planning toward adulthood. Students receive direct support from a Special Education Resource Teacher and a team of Education Assistants. Placement in this program is made by the student services coordinator based on recommendation by the grade 8 teacher.</p>
<p>Can my child be enrolled in the Academic Autism program in your school? If there are no spots available and an opening is available in the future while he is at BOSS, will he be offered the spot or will it only go to brand new enrollments?</p>	<p>The 2 year ASD community class that includes 6 credit bearing courses per year in addition to 2 non-credit bearing courses per year is no longer offered at Bur Oak. Should this be the recommended program for a student, our student services coordinator will place the student into a program in another school, if space is available. Alternatively, your child can enrol in a full course load at Bur Oak and be supported by a Special Education Resource Teacher and have an Individual Education Plan to support his learning.</p>

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How does the IEP work in high school for my child and will their IEP remain the same throughout high school	Each student identified with an exceptionality through an Identification Placement Review Committee meeting is supported by a Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) and has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) to support learning. The IEP is updated within 30 days of each school year. The IEP is a working document and can be updated, as needed, throughout the year. Classroom teachers have access to the IEP and students may request accommodations listed on their IEP as needed. The student's SERT also supports students in accessing their accommodations in addition to supporting teachers in providing accommodations for students.
What kind of support is provided to students coming from gifted programs? Is there any specific program?	Students identified as gifted will receive support throughout the special education department. We do not offer gifted specific courses at Bur Oak.
What types of support are provided to students who are struggling with a course?	Support may include, but are not limited to: working with our Student Success Teacher, peer tutoring, tutoring offered by teachers, after school literacy/numeracy programs, work habits development, and working with a Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT).
Is there bussing available	There are no board provided busses to Bur Oak. Students are encouraged to walk, ride their bikes or take public transit - there is a YRT stop right outside the school.