

Questions and Answers

Bill Hogarth Secondary School

1. *What date do you expect Bill Hogarth Secondary School to open in its new location?*

The new Bill Hogarth Secondary School is expected to open to students on Monday, November 27th. The last day classes will be held at Bur Oak Secondary School will be Thursday, November 23rd as Friday, November 24th is a PA Day for students.

2. *Where will Bill Hogarth Secondary School students be held before the new school opens?*

Students will be held at Bur Oak Secondary School which is located at 933 Bur Oak Avenue, Markham. Both schools will operate separately on the same site. This will be managed by having different timetables for both schools. Bur Oak Secondary School's morning bell time will remain the same at 8:15 a.m. but the afternoon bell time will be moved earlier to 2:29 p.m. while Bill Hogarth Secondary School is being held in the school. This reduction is accomplished by reducing the transition time between classes for both schools. Bill Hogarth Secondary School bell times while at Bur Oak Secondary School will be 10:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A holding plan for a new school, such as Bill Hogarth Secondary School will require the short term relocation of upwards of 500 students. We are fortunate that we are able to accommodate students at Bur Oak Secondary School. Our goal is to operate both schools separately in the one facility. To achieve this, modifications are required by both schools. As enrolment of both schools can only fit in classroom space when a significant portion of Bur Oak Secondary School is on a lunch, the intake time for Bill Hogarth Secondary School needs to start at 10:45 a.m. This decision was not made lightly as we know it will greatly affect Bill Hogarth Secondary School students for both start and end times of the school day.

3. *Will transportation be provided to Bill Hogarth Secondary School students while they are holding at Bur Oak Secondary School?*

Due to the later bell times for Bill Hogarth Secondary School while holding at Bur Oak Secondary School transportation will be provided from Tuesday, September 5th to Thursday, November 23rd, 2017 as follows:

- All regular track students will be provided school bus transportation. Please check www.schoolbuscity.com August 14th to determine the closest pick up and drop off location for your home address.
- French Immersion students residing close to Bur Oak Secondary school located in the area bounded by Major Mackenzie Drive East to the north, Markham Road to the east, Sixteenth

Avenue to the south and McCowan Road to the west will not be provided transportation. See attached map.

- French Immersion students living outside the above noted area will be provided school bus transportation. See attached map. Please check www.schoolbuscity.com August 14th to determine the closest pick up and drop off location for your home address.

4. How are school bus collector stops determined?

In accordance with Policy #680, school bus collector stops shall not exceed 600 metres for secondary students. Walking distances are measured by Student Transportation Services (STS) using the most direct walking route (which may include pathways) from the edge of a student's residence to the closest collector point.

5. Now that the opening of Bill Hogarth Secondary School is delayed will transfers be considered for students entering grade 9 and 10 that reside in the Bill Hogarth Secondary School boundary?

In accordance with Policy and Procedure #108.0, Student Accommodation – Attendance Areas and Student Transfers, when a new secondary school opens:

- *it generally opens with Grades 9 and 10 with an additional grade added each subsequent year for the next two years,*
- *all students entering Grades 9 and 10 must move from their holding school to their new community school or optional program, and*
- *all students entering Grade 11 and 12 remain at the holding school until graduation and will be entitled to transportation if they qualify as per Board Policy #680.0, Student Transportation.*

Based on the above, the Board will not support transfer requests from regular track or French Immersion grade 9 and 10 students residing in the Bill Hogarth Secondary School boundary to another secondary school, even if their holding school was previously Bur Oak Secondary School. In addition, staffing allocations for all schools have been released based on projections of students residing in local boundaries.

6. Where do I go to register for Bill Hogarth Secondary School?

Bill Hogarth Secondary School registration will occur in the Cafeteria at Bur Oak Secondary School on Tuesday, August 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The registration times are as follows:

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Grade 9 students
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Grade 10 students

Specific Information about Registration Day was sent by e-mail to families in July. This information is also posted on the school's website under "School News". Bur Oak Secondary School is located at 933 Bur Oak Avenue, Markham.

7. Who do I contact if I need to ask a question regarding Bill Hogarth Secondary School?

Please contact Bill Hogarth Secondary School by email (bill.hogarth.ss@yrdsb.ca) or telephone at (905) 910-0009. We will do our best to address your concern in a timely manner.

8. What is the timetable for both schools while Bill Hogarth Secondary School is being held at Bur Oak Secondary School?

Bur Oak Secondary School		Bill Hogarth Secondary School
Period		Period
1	8:15 - 9:29	
2	9:30 - 10:44	
3	10:45 - 11:59	1
4	12:00 - 1:14	2
5	1:15 - 2:29	3
	2:30 - 3:44	4
	3:45 - 5:00	5

9. How will extracurricular programs operate for Bill Hogarth Secondary School?

Now that it has been determined that we need to delay the opening of Bill Hogarth Secondary School and hold at Bur Oak Secondary School, we are working to finalize some details. We will have this information available for the first day of school. Thank you for your patience.

10. What will be the operating hours of Bill Hogarth Secondary School once the school opens on November 27th?

When the Bill Hogarth Secondary School opens on November 27th the bell times will be 9:20 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.