



Grade Reconfiguration Plan

Parent FAQs

Starting September 2024

Elementary School K to 5

Middle School 6 to 8

High School 9 to 12

Frequently Asked Questions

Questions	Responses
1. Will the grade reconfiguration mean higher classroom numbers for my child?	Classroom size is based on division enrolment and is reviewed annually. The grade shift will not negatively impact class sizes across the division.
2. Will the grade reconfiguration cause more split-grade classrooms?	Split-grade or single-grade classrooms are always determined by the number of students at each grade level, as well as by Pupil Teacher Ratio levels. Given these factors, the number of split and single-grade classrooms fluctuates at a school from year to year.
3. Will similar opportunities exist to be involved in school sports and clubs?	Every school offers different clubs and activities based on student and staff interests and passions. These will continue, and there will continue to be extra-curricular teams as a choice at all schools. Opportunities may increase for grade 9 and grade 6.
4. Will specialized programs and option classes be grade-specific or available to all students within the school? Will my student in grade 6 or 9, get more options to choose from?	Grade-specific options will be available for grade 6 and 9 students in their new schools. Additional options may be available to students.
5. What transition events are planned for the 2023-24 school year, and how will these be communicated?	All school administrators have and will continue to discuss ideas to welcome new families to their school and bid farewell to students who will be transitioning to a new school in 2024. This will be communicated ahead of all events.

6. Achievement Nights & Farewells	Achievement Nights & Farewells will continue as in the past; however, will include grades 5-6 and grades 8-9 for 2024. Your school will share more information.
7. What will grading look like for the Grade 6s moving to Middle Schools?	Grade 6 will adopt current middle school grading procedures, using a percentage-based assessment practice.
8. What will grading look like for the Grade 9s moving to the High School?	Grade 9 teachers will continue to use percentage-based assessment practices.
9. What will the assessment and reporting periods look like? Grade-specific or school-specific?	Reporting will remain consistent with the school's current practices.
10. Will Band continue to be mandatory in Grade 6?	Grade 6 - band mandatory Grade 5 - music class (similar to past years)
11. Will Grade 9s continue to be part of the hockey academy?	Hockey Academy will remain available for grade 9 students.
12. What will the Grade 9 Lunchtime look like?	Grade 9s will either have a separate lunch or together with the grade 10s. LCHS administration will communicate further when bell schedules are determined.
13. Bell Schedule	Bell schedules are school-specific. Current bell times may shift and will be communicated by your child's school.
14. School Supply Lists	Supply lists will be shared by your child's school.
15. Will student supports like counselling, SLP, etc. be affected by the grade reconfiguration?	Division-wide support levels are based on student enrolment and need in each school. These supports are reviewed annually.
16. Which walk or bus zones will grade 6 and 9 students follow?	Bus zones are school-specific and not grade-specific. The middle school walk zone is 900m from the school grounds, while the high school is 1.5km.
17. Will school attendance boundaries change as a result of this grade reconfiguration?	Attendance boundaries will be reviewed as part of the grade reconfiguration process.