

Secord ES, DA Morrison MS, Crescent Town ES, and George Webster ES Attendance Boundary Change Review Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a Boundary Change Review?

Local neighbourhood schools have attendance areas defined by boundaries that are used to establish admission to a school's regular program. Boundaries between two schools can be changed to reduce overcrowding, utilize surplus space or designate addresses to a closer school.

A Boundary Change Review is one of the strategies included in the Board's Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy (LTPAS), a document that was first created in 2014 and is reviewed annually. The strategy provides an approach to program and accommodation planning within a ten-year timeframe that allows for responsiveness and flexibility in a changing environment. It is a roadmap for the future that identifies studies that could lead to Accommodation Reviews.

To learn more about the LTPAS, please visit: <u>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Strategy-</u> <u>Planning/Long-Term-Program-and-Accommodation-Strategy</u>

2. Will my address be affected by this boundary change review?

Only new students who move to following addresses within the Secord ES and DA Morrison MS would be affected by this boundary change:

- 100 Goodwood Park Court
- 102 Goodwood Park Court
- 104 Goodwood Park Court
- 106 Goodwood Park Court
- 108 Goodwood Park Court

The changes being proposed in this review will apply to the junior attendance area boundary for Crescent Town ES, to be expanded to include a portion of the Secord ES junior attendance area located south of Crescent Town Road to Goodwood Park Court. This proposed change would also result in new intermediate students within the expanded Crescent Town ES area accommodated at George Webster ES for Grades 5 to 8. The secondary attendance boundaries remain unchanged.

To find your home school pathway based on your address please visit: <u>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/By-Address</u>

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3. When will the attendance boundary changes take effect?

If approved, the attendance area boundary changes are planned be implemented for September 2024 for new Regular Program students who move to the 5 addresses above. For new French Immersion program students who move to the 5 addresses above, pathway changes will come into effect by September 2025.

Information for students living at 100,102,104,106,108 Goodwood Park Court (Q4-Q9)

4. How will the attendance boundary change affect my child <u>currently</u> attending Secord ES for the Regular program and/or the French immersion Program?

There is no affect to students who are currently enrolled in Regular program and the French Immersion program at Secord ES.

5. How will the attendance boundary change affect my child who will start the Regular Program in Junior Kindergarten for September 2024? <u>I do not have</u> other children currently attending Secord ES and/or DA Morrison MS.

New Regular program Junior Kindergarten registrants for September 2024 will now attend Crescent Town ES.

6. How will the boundary change affect my child who will start the Regular Program in Junior Kindergarten for September 2024? <u>I have</u> other children currently attending Secord ES and/or DA Morrison MS.

New Regular program Junior Kindergarten registrants for September 2024, with siblings currently attending Secord ES or DA Morrison MS, may choose to attend Secord ES and/or DA Morrison MS until they graduate.

7. <u>I have</u> children currently attending Secord ES and/or DA Morrison MS and I have younger children that have not yet started Junior Kindergarten. Will the younger children be able to attend Secord ES?

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Yes, younger siblings will be allowed to register at Secord ES as long as they have an older sibling attending either Secord ES or DA Morrison MS.

8. How will the boundary change affect my child who will apply to start the French Immersion Program in Junior Kindergarten for September 2024?

Admission to Early French Immersion programs is guaranteed to all eligible applicants who apply before the deadline, however, admission to a specific school is not guaranteed. All students will be provided with an offer of placement and will have the opportunity to accept it.

New French Immersion Junior Kindergarten applicants for the September 2024 start may be accommodated at Secord ES, depending on available spots. Secord ES is the French school associated with Secord ES attendance boundary.

New French Immersion Junior Kindergarten applicants for September 2025 may be accommodated at Clairlea PS, depending on available spots. Clairlea PS is the French school associated with the Crescent Town ES attendance boundary.

9. How does the TDSB define walking distance? Will students living at the above apartment buildings be impacted by the proposed boundary changes?

The impacted addresses within the proposed boundary changes are all within walking distances to Crescent Town ES and George Webster ES.

As per TDSB policy, students are eligible for transportation if they live beyond the following distances:

- 1.6 km or more between Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5: TDSB bussing would be provided,
- 3.2 km or more between Grades 6 to 8: TTC tokens would be provided, and
- 4.8 km or more between Grade 9 to 12: TTC tokens would be provided.

Students may be eligible for transportation in certain circumstances such as Special Education, French Immersion, and any related safety concerns where a study warrants providing a bus.