



Relocation of Heydon Park Secondary School

Frequently Asked Questions - Updated June 26, 2026

Overview

It was announced on June 2, 2026 that Heydon Park Secondary School will be relocating to a new site. Orde Street Public School will be relocating into the Heydon Park Secondary School site due to the construction of a 60-storey mixed use development, adjacent to the school's outdoor play area, that will have a significant impact on the school's day-to-day operations. Excessive vibration, traffic, air quality levels, noise, and the risk of falling objects due to construction are not conducive to a safe learning environment for students and staff.

TDSB recognizes the uniqueness of the Heydon Park SS community and will do everything possible to make this as smooth a transition as possible. The intent is for students, staff and administration to relocate as a unit to a new location that can support the programs and opportunities that Heydon Park SS students require for their success.

Heydon Park SS will remain on-site and in the current building for the start of the 2026-27 school year. Heydon Park SS would be relocated in January 2027.

General questions

1. Is this move an excuse to close down or phase out Heydon Park in a few years?

That is not the intent of this move. The decision to pause the Grade 9 and 10 registrations was made separate from the decision to relocate Heydon Park to accommodate Orde St PS.

The decision to pause the Grade 9 registrations due to low registrations numbers was made at the end of the 2024-25 school year. The decision to not accept incoming Grade 9 students has been an annual decision.

Recommended Relocation Site

2. Where will Heydon Park be relocated to?

Heydon Park will relocate to 529 Vaughan Road, the site of the former Vaughan Road Academy.

3. What was the reason for choosing this relocation site for Heydon Park?

When looking for a relocation site, the priorities were keeping the entire Heydon Park community together (staff, students, and programs), maintaining the school identity and culture, finding a central location, ideally not co-located with another school. Staff explored closed TDSB school locations and co-location with operating TDSB schools.

Staff identified two potential relocation options: the former Vaughan Road Academy at 529 Vaughan Road, and the former Rockcliffe Middle School at 400 Rockcliffe Boulevard. Both would house Heydon Park SS as the only school operating within the building and have transit access and bussing opportunities.

The Vaughan Road location was chosen as its location is more central and preferred by parent representatives. The building has been used as a holding school in the past, is in good condition, and offers an array of amenities like a gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria, large outdoor field, kitchen, science rooms and more.

4. Why weren't other schools with space within the area considered for Heydon Park?

Local schools within the area did not have sufficient space to accommodate the entirety of Heydon Park students, nor did they have the existing facilities to support the Heydon Park culinary program and cooking needs. In addition, the school would be required to share the building with another operating school, which was not preferred.

5. Will the relocation site be renovated to meet the educational needs of students?

Yes, the relocation site chosen will be renovated to accommodate the program and accessibility needs of the Heydon Park students.

6. Will there be anyone else at the relocation site?

There are a number of other user groups at the Vaughan Road location. The site has a child care centre and a community partner (Oakwood Vaughan Community Organization, which provides Seniors programming), both of which are in a separate wing of the building with their own access. There are also TDSB staff using office space within the building. Heydon Park SS would be the only operating school in the building.

7. Is the relocation site accessible for students with mobility issues?

The Vaughan Road building has a lift that goes to the upper floors. The TDSB Facilities team will have the lift assessed to ensure that it is in good working order. If required, staff will try to ensure that any repairs are complete for when Heydon Park students and staff move in January 2027.

8. Can Heydon Park move for September 2026 or September 2027, to avoid causing mid-year disruption for students?

It is not possible to complete the upgrades at 529 Vaughan Road to support the programming and accessibility needs of Heydon Park SS in time for a September 2026 relocation. Orde Street PS needs to be out of their building by September 2027 due to the schedule of construction at the adjacent development site, and the building will require renovations to accommodate elementary-aged students before they can move in.

9. What options do students have if they do not want to move to the new relocation site? Can the Board support them in allowing them to register at a new school for September 2026?

The Board is committed to finding a suitable location for students who do not wish to attend at 529 Vaughan Road.

10. This relocation will have an impact on students' mental health and will cause them anxiety. How will the Board support the Heydon Park students in this relocation?

The Heydon Park principal will work with central staff to ensure a smooth transition, and will address the needs of the students and staff as they arise. They will also engage with the principals who have recently been involved in school relocations to learn from their experience and to determine best practices.

School Programming

11. Will you be visiting Heydon Park to ensure you have a full list of what students need at the relocation site?

Central staff have visited Heydon Park SS to view the existing facilities and are working closely with the principal to ensure the students' program and accessibility requirements are met at the new location.

12. Will the TDSB reinstate the Grade 9s and 10s at Heydon Park SS at the new relocation site?

Discussions relating to student admission will be addressed separate to this relocation. The decision around accepting incoming grade 9 students has been and will continue to be an annual decision. We are committed to continuing these important conversations and will share updates as they become available.

13. Will Heydon Park students and staff be able to return to the current building once the Orde-related construction is done?

As the Orde-related construction nears completion, further information/updates will be provided.

14. Will the Cosmetology and Culinary Arts courses continue to be offered at the new relocation site?

Yes, Cosmetology and Culinary Arts classes were identified as an integral part of Heydon Park SS's program offerings and the courses will continue at the relocation site.

15. How will Co-op opportunities be provided?

The Co-op teacher is supported by the central Experiential Learning team. There is a central bank of Co-op opportunities, including many in the Vaughan Road area. The Co-op teacher can also engage with local businesses to find suitable placements. Before its closure in 2017, students at Vaughan Road participated in several co-op placements in the local neighbourhood.

Transportation

16. Will students that currently receive school bus transportation continue to receive this service at the new relocation site?

Students who currently receive school bus transportation will continue to receive this service at the new location.

17. Can students who are not receiving school bus transportation right now be provided with bussing to the new relocation site?

Board Staff is looking into this and will provide further information once it's available.

18. How long will the bus ride be for students to the new relocation site?

Heydon Park SS students live all throughout the City of Toronto and arrive at school through many bus routes. The length of the bus ride will depend on where the student is coming from and any routing changes that may be required.