

Broad Street School PP-8

April 2023- FAQ #2

Hello Broad Street Families,

You are receiving this information because your address falls within the PP-8 Broad Street school boundary and your child is registered to attend the PP-8 Broad Street school in September 2023.

Q. Will there be sports teams for Grade 7 & 8 students?

If students express an interest in sports and there are staff and volunteers willing to coach, then sports teams will be created. Which teams will be created will be dependent on student interest.

Q. Will there be extra-curricular activities offered?

Extra-curriculars will be driven by student interest and the availability of volunteers.

Q. What will the play areas be like for students in PP-6?

Having multiple play structures that are inclusive and accessible for all students is important to have for the new school. There will be a basketball court, a Pre-Primary play area, a play area for the younger students and play area for the older students. There will be outdoor social spaces and a green space that can also be accessed. The outdoor play features will be out front and then wrap around to the back of the building on the elementary side of the building.

Q. How will the teaching methods/model at the elementary and junior school prepare the children for the new model to be piloted in the high school?

The elementary and junior high public-school curriculums are focused on cross-curricular learning and building competency skills. The competency skills that are focused on are often referred to as executive functioning skills. An example of the skills that will be a focus in classrooms are organization, communication, collaboration, problem solving, critical thinking and creativity. Within the PP-8 school, we will be focusing on introducing, building, and enhancing these skills with our students.

Q. Is more information on self-directed learning available?

Self-directed learning is a pedagogical framework being used at the high school level (Grades 10-12). More information around this approach can be found on the [HRCE website](#).

Q. Will the teaching practice be the same in French Immersion and English?

The expectations for the teaching practices will be the same in French Immersion and in English speaking programs.

Q When do I register my Pre-Primary child?

Registration is now open for new students, and we encourage you to register as soon as possible. If you know of other families who have children turning four years old by December 31, 2023, please encourage them to register right away, as well. Knowing how many students we have for the fall supports staffing and planning for the 2023-24 school year.

Q. Will there be an Excel program at Broad Street PP-8?

A. There will be an Excel program at Broad Street. More communication will be coming out to families this month.

Q. Will school supplies be available to order online?

A. We will not be setting up an online ordering feature. The school supply list for each grade will be posted on our school website in late June.

Q. Will there be a band program at Broad Street PP-8?

A. There will be a Grade 6 band program. Students from their current schools will have the opportunity to explore what band is all about in the Spring 2023 with their school's current band teacher. Grade 7 and Grade 8 band program: Current Grade 6 students who are in band will have the opportunity to choose band for Grade 7. Current Grade 7 students who are in band will be able to continue in band in Grade 8.

Q. Will there be a breakfast program at the new school?

A. Yes, there will be a breakfast program offered at the new school.

Q. What information is available for busing?

A. Every year, transportation details are available to view online through BusPlanner Parent Portal and are typically released mid-July. Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal and view their child's bus information once it is available. Students must reside within their designated catchment of the school they are attending and meet the minimum distance criteria to be eligible for transportation.

When bus routing for 2023-24 becomes available, please check your child(ren)'s transportation eligibility for the 2023-24 school year. Visit hrcetransportation.mybusplanner.ca and click "Am I Eligible for Student Transportation?"

Q. Will my child be in a class with a friend?

A. The Broad Street PP-8 admin team will be meeting with school teams from the other CPA family of schools to create class lists. Creating these lists involves many considerations, such as student gender, student strengths, student challenges and personalities. We will do our best to ensure that students have a friend in class with them.

Q. Will support and resources be available if my child has challenges or special needs?

A. At Broad Street PP-8, we will have the same access to support for our students. We will have access to School Counsellors, Autism Specialist, Assistive Technology Specialist, Program Planning Specialist, Student Services Consultant, English as an Additional Language teacher, Speech Language Pathologist, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, and Schools Plus Facilitator.

Q. Will there be one-to-one technology at the Broad Street PP-8?

A. Every student will have access to technology while they are in school when needed, but students will not be assigned a Chromebook to go back and forth between home and school.

Q. I'm in a new catchment with this new boundary. How do I register for the new school?

A. If you are a current HRCE student and live within the new boundary, you do not need to register for Broad Street PP-8. Registration for new students opened on March 20. More information can be found on the [HRCE website](#).

Q. What do I do if I registered my child for school already and now the new boundary puts us in this school? Do I need to re-register?

A. If you've already registered for another school, there is nothing more to do at this time.

Q. What will be the bell times for the new school?

A. Bell times for the new school have not been finalized. We know families need to plan, and we'll be sure to advise families of bell times once they've been confirmed.

Q. My child attends Early French Immersion at their current school, but now they are to go to the new school. Will they have Early French Immersion at the new school?

A. The new school will offer Early French Immersion. Any students who attended an Early French Immersion program, and now fall within the boundary for the new school, will be able to continue Early French Immersion at the new school.

Q. Is there Late French Immersion for Grades 7, 8 and 9 at the new schools?

A. Yes, there will be a Late French Immersion program offered for students in Grades 7-9. The Late French Immersion program starts in Grade 7.

Q. When will I know who my child's teacher is at the new school?

A. HRCE's staffing process begins in the spring and is ongoing until September 30. Staffing is connected to enrolment numbers in each school. Principals will be in contact with families before the first day of school.

Q. These are huge changes for students and families in the CPA family of schools. How will you ensure that everyone is supported through the transition?

A. We know that the success of each student depends on a strong transition plan. This is the focus of our work from now until the school opens in September. Staff at each of the schools with students transitioning to new locations will begin working to create solid plans in partnership with staff and principals of the new schools. You will receive regular communication as these plans unfold. As always, you are encouraged to reach out to your child's school if you have any questions or concerns, or if your child requires additional support.

Q. Will families be able to tour Broad St. PP-8 School before it opens?

A. There will be an opportunity for families to tour in the fall, once the school settles in. In the meantime, you can expect to receive photos and videos in advance.

Q. Who will be the admin team at the new PP-8 Broad Street school?

A. The admin team has been appointed and are actively participating in the design process. They are Susan Casey (Principal), Phillip MacEachern (Vice Principal) and Courtney Smith (Vice Principal).

Q. How many teachers will the new schools have?

A. The number of teachers depends on enrollment. All schools will be staffed to ensure compliance with provincial class cap guidelines.

Q. What will be the name of the new school?

A. It will be up to the community, led by the principals, to decide. In the interim, we are referring to it as the Broad Street PP-8 School.

Q. Will this school open with portables?

A. We do not anticipate the need for portables at the opening in September 2023.

Q. What is the projected enrollment data for the new school?

A. We anticipate that the Broad Street School will open with more than 1,000 students in the PP-8 school. Our projections indicate this will increase over the next decade.

It is important to note that the growth in Bedford is such that additional changes will be necessary, but our goal is to create as much stability as possible for the next three years.

Q. Who should I contact if I have questions?

A. You can reach out to our HRCE Parent Navigators, Natasha Horne or Amelia Downey in the following ways:

- **Email:** connect@hrce.ca;
- **Phone:** 902-464-2000

Q. Is there another way I can share my questions?

A. Please submit your questions via email to broadstinquiry@hrce.ca. We will provide answers and information in an ongoing FAQ document.