

Grandview Heights Secondary 2020 FAQ

Opening: September 2021

Address: 16987 25th Ave.

Capacity: 1,500 students (60 classrooms)

General Information / Student Placement

Will Grandview Heights Secondary offer Grade 12 when it opens?

No. As a policy, the district does not take Grade 12 students out of their current secondary school when a new secondary school opens. Grandview Heights Secondary will only offer Grades 8-11 in its first year.

The first year of Grade 11 students will be the first graduating class at Grandview Heights Secondary.

Will students entering Grade 8 in 2020-21 who live in the future Grandview Heights Secondary catchment have to switch schools in 2021-22?

Yes, students entering Grade 8-11 who live in the future Grandview Heights Secondary catchment will attend Grandview Heights Secondary when it opens in September 2021*. Students entering Grade 12 in 2021-22 will stay at their current secondary school.

* Students entering Grade 8-11 in 2021-22 who live in the future Grandview Heights Secondary catchment and have an older sibling entering Grade 12 in 2021-22 will have the option of attending their sibling's secondary school or Grandview Heights Secondary.

Are siblings grandfathered into the secondary school that their older sibling is currently attending?

Yes. Students entering Grade 8-11 in September 2021 who have an older sibling in Grade 12 at Semiahmoo or Earl Marriott will have the choice of attending secondary school with their older sibling or their in-catchment secondary school.

My child will be in Grade 11 at Grandview Heights Secondary, but they will be taking a Grade 12 course. Will Grade 12 courses be offered at Grandview Heights for students in this situation?

If enough students request a specific Grade 12 course, one option is that it could run the first year that Grandview Heights Secondary is open. Otherwise, students could take this in their Grade 12 year.

Recognizing the rapid growth projected in the Grandview Heights area, why isn't Grandview Heights Secondary being built larger?

The Ministry of Education has approved a 1,500-student school for Grandview Heights Secondary.

There is room for expansion, if needed, on the east side of the building, which would allow for the creation of 12 new classrooms for approximately 350 students.

Catchment Boundaries

What is the difference between an immediate boundary move and a phased transition?

New School Catchment Move: When a new school opens, the district moves students that reside in the newly established catchment immediately. Students are not grandfathered and students do not have the option of remaining at their current school.

Phased Move: A phased transition is used when realigning boundaries between existing schools. In this case, the district has an opportunity to implement a phased transition so that current students can continue at their current school. Only new registrations (kindergarten children without older elementary aged siblings and those who are new to the area) would attend a different school based on the new boundaries.

Why isn't the district doing a phased transition of students to Grandview Heights Secondary like the other proposed boundary changes? (i.e. Jessie Lee, White Rock or Semiahmoo Trail)

Unlike the other boundary changes, Grandview Heights Secondary needs a new cohort of students when it opens. This is why Grade 8-11 students in the Grandview Heights Secondary catchment will see an immediate move to the new school rather than a phased transition.

With phased transitions, are younger siblings grandfathered?

Yes. As long as they have an older sibling attending the school, younger siblings are grandfathered during phased transitions.

Choice Programs

Was French Immersion considered for Grandview Heights Secondary?

The district did look at moving the secondary French Immersion program from Earl Marriott to Grandview Heights. However, moving the program would have put Grandview Heights above capacity too quickly, so it was not a viable option.

I live in the proposed Grandview Heights Secondary catchment, but my child is in secondary French Immersion. Will my child be forced to move to Grandview Heights Secondary?

No, secondary French Immersion students will continue to attend secondary at Earl Marriott.

Will Montessori students at Sunnyside continue to secondary school based on feeder school or based on address?

Montessori elementary students who attended Sunnyside and who will be in Grade 8-11 in September 2021 will attend Grandview Heights Secondary.

Montessori elementary students who currently attend Douglas Elementary will feed to Earl Marriott Secondary, or their in-catchment secondary school.

Are there plans to move the International Baccalaureate program from Semiahmoo?

No. Semiahmoo is the only school in South Surrey that has been authorized as a World International Baccalaureate School by the International Baccalaureate Foundation.

Out-of-Catchment Students

Will Earl Marriott / Elgin Park / Semiahmoo accept out-of-catchment students when Grandview Heights Secondary opens?

Closer to the opening of Grandview Heights Secondary, the district will look at balancing out-of-catchment requests across the South Surrey-White Rock secondary schools. If any student wants to attend a school other than their catchment school, they must fill out a cross boundary registration form.

The district will examine how to accommodate the moves in a manner that attempts to balance the populations to the best degree possible. For example, if 10 students who live in the Earl Marriott catchment want to attend Grandview Heights, and 10 students who live in the Grandview Heights catchment want to attend Earl Marriott, the number of student requests between the school balances out and 10 student requests from each school can be accommodated.

This phase will be the initial review of out-of-catchment requests. Not all student requests will be able to be accommodated in this initial review. More details will be announced closer to the opening of Grandview Heights Secondary.

Will current out-of-catchment elementary students continue to secondary school based on feeder school or based on address?

Out-of-catchment elementary students will be given the option to continue to the out-of-catchment secondary school tied to their elementary school, or they can attend their in-catchment secondary school based on address.

Will current out-of-catchment secondary students continue to secondary school based on feeder school or based on address?

Out-of-catchment secondary students will be given the option to continue attending their out-of-catchment secondary school, or to attend their in-catchment secondary school based on address.

Traffic & Transportation

How is the 4.8-kilometre walk zone determined?

The walk zone is measured by actual walking distance, as opposed to a 4.8-kilometre radius from the school (also known as “as the crow flies”).

Will students who live within 4.8 kilometres of their catchment school be able to ride the bus?

Yes, the district offers a monthly pass for students within the 4.8-kilometre walk zone, provided there is room on the bus and the student is able to reach the route. The pass is \$30 per month. For more information, see our [Bus Services](#) page.

Can you ensure that bus routes will be added for students outside the walk zone in rural areas that are currently underserved by transit?

The district shares all school catchment boundary information with the City of Surrey. We are currently sharing all possible catchment boundary options regarding Grandview Heights Secondary. The City of Surrey works in conjunction with TransLink to plan transit routes.

Other Programs

What type of extra-curricular activities and athletic teams will be available at Grandview Heights Secondary?

Once administrative and teaching staff has been assigned to Grandview Heights Secondary, they will work to determine the athletic teams and extra-curricular activities available at the school.

LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING

Will there be a band program at Grandview Heights Secondary?

All secondary schools in Surrey offer band and we expect Grandview Heights Secondary to have a band program.

The Grandview Heights Secondary catchment is largely made up of Earl Marriott feeder schools. What happens to programs at Earl Marriott when Grandview Heights Secondary opens and the EMS student population drops?

The location of programs at secondary schools is dependent on interest. Many programs at Earl Marriott have waitlists, so if the demand is there, those programs should remain at Earl Marriott.