

Shamrock School FAQ

Below is an aggregate of the many questions asked on the evening of Tuesday, April 27. If you have any further questions, email communications@lrsd.net.

How long will the temporary relocation of École Sage Creek School (ÉSCS) students to Shamrock School last?

Grade 5 and 6 students from ÉSCS will continue to attend Shamrock School until the new school in Sage Creek is completed.

Why isn't WPC being considered for 5-6 as well as 7-8 for Sage Creek students?

Windsor Park Collegiate does not have the capacity to accommodate Grade 5 and 6 students.

Does Bill 64 impact this plan?

The Manitoba Government has already authorized LRSD to purchase land for a new school in Sage Creek and has designated it as one of 20 new schools to be constructed. Minister of Education Cliff Cullen has suggested that construction will be sped up, with projects being completed within the next five years. The need for a school in the community will not change regardless of whether Bill 64 is passed into law. It is expected that construction would proceed despite any potential governance and organizational changes because of Bill 64. The LRSD board office staff play a key role in advocating and supporting the 40 schools in St. Boniface and St. Vital. We regularly engage with the community at the local level to navigate challenges like the demographic pressures and changes we're experiencing in LRSD.

Staff members in LRSD are asking many questions and building their collective knowledge about Bill 64 and its four-pillar strategy.

Where will kids in Shamrock, Island Lakes and Sage Creek English go to high school?

J.H. Bruns Collegiate is the designated high school for Shamrock School and Island Lakes Community School. Windsor Park Collegiate is the designated high school for ÉSCS.

Currently, 215 students from Sage Creek attend Windsor Park Collegiate from Grades 7 to 12. No decision to change the catchment area has been made at this time. It must be noted, however, that population projections for Windsor Park Collegiate indicate that it will quickly reach and exceed capacity. The division will need to engage the community in conversations on this topic in the future. Possible solutions may involve:

- Sage Creek students remaining at Shamrock School for grades 7 and 8 until the new school opens.
- Adjusting the catchment areas of Windsor Park Collegiate and J.H. Bruns Collegiate for students in grades 9 to 12. Depending on the timing of the opening of the new school, space constraints may require this issue to be explored in the future.

What's the timeline for final decisions on scenarios for moving students who live in North Island Lakes and Bonavista to ILCS?

Our intention is to implement a viable solution based on the scenarios discussed at the meeting before June 30, 2021.

Will the ESCS students be mixed in with the Shamrock School students or will it be a school within a school?

We believe students and staff would be better served to come together as one school community. That said, we will be in conversation with students, staff and parents/guardians in May and June about what it will take to provide a thriving and flourishing learning environment for all students at Shamrock School.

How will the division ensure parents who have secured childcare before-and-after school at either Ecole Sage Creek School, Island Lakes Community School or Shamrock School be able to keep their childcare in place?

We will continue to work with our partners to ensure that a before-and-after care program at Shamrock School will continue. LRSD is committed to working with families in other communities and before-and-after school care providers to find a solution in all three schools.

I live in Bonavista. Will my child still be attending kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year at Shamrock School? Do we have to forward our registration information?

Families residing in Bonavista and North Island Lakes with children entering kindergarten in the 2021-2022 school year will see their child attend Island Lakes Community School. All registration information will be forwarded by Shamrock School to Island Lakes Community School.

Will Shamrock have any gym access in September 2021?

With uncertainty about how the pandemic will progress throughout the summer, public health officials have asked schools to prepare for various scenarios for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. If we are still in a scenario that requires two-metre physical distancing, Shamrock School will have one gymnasium open and available for access at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

Will parents in Bonavista with kids already at Shamrock School have a choice to stay at their current school?

Our demographic planning scenarios demonstrate that we have room to move all students in Bonavista and North Island Lakes in K-3 to ILCS. This is the starting point for dialogue in the months of May and June to see which families want their children in K-3 and their siblings to move to ILCS.

Will the students that live in North Island Lakes or Bonavista be forced to switch schools if they want to continue at Shamrock?

Conversations will continue with families living in North Island Lakes and Bonavista with regarding viable options.