

UGDSB TOGETHER

Monthly communications updates from the Upper Grand DSB

2024-25 School Year Calendars

At the February 27, 2024, Board Meeting, the Upper Grand District School Board approved draft calendars for the 2024-2025 school year for elementary and secondary schools in the Upper Grand DSB. The draft calendars will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education for final approval.

[Learn more and view the draft calendars on the UGDSB website.](#)

School & Board Information

Policy Updates

At the February 27, 2024, Board meeting, the following updated policies were approved and are [now available on the board website](#):

- Policy 200 – Community Use of Schools and Facilities (new name)
- Policy 216 – Communications (new)
- Policy 322 – Safe Operation of Schools and Board Sites (new)
- Policy 520 – Continuity of Learning (new)
- Policy 709 – School Generated Funds (new policy category/number)

The following policies were rescinded:

- Policy 104 – Access to Schools and Board Premises (now under Policy 322 – Safe Operation of Schools and Board Sites)
- Policy 202 – Community Use of E.L. Fox Auditorium (now under Policy 200 – Community Use of Schools and Facilities)
- Policy 209 – Distribution of Materials in Schools from External Organizations (now under Policy 216 – Communications)
- Policy 312 – Website and Social Media Management (now under Policy 216 – Communications)

The following protocol was removed:

- P.01 – Crisis Communications (now under Policy 216)

UGDSB expands Project SEARCH

The Upper Grand District School Board is thrilled to announce it has partnered with the YMCA of Three Rivers Guelph as part of Project SEARCH. This follows January's exciting announcement of the Project SEARCH partnership launched between the UGDSB, WCDSB, the University of Guelph and March of Dimes. Developed at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in 1996, Project SEARCH is a unique school-to-work training program for students with disabilities. Students get more than 700 hours of hands-on work experience geared to in-demand roles in the local labour market. They then learn employability skills and plan their careers with guidance from March of Dimes Canada, the local vocational rehabilitation counsellors. [Learn more here!](#)





UGDSB Pathways

Did you know the UGDSB has a comprehensive website for families looking for information on moving through their school grades? Get information for grade 7 and 8 students, starting high school, various pathways students can take in high school and more! The UGDSB Pathways website also has great information about experiential learning in K-12+, transitioning out of high school, and more.

[Visit UGDSB Pathways to learn more!](#)

Stories Around the UGDSB

Student Trustees elected for 2024-25

Recently, UGDSB Student Senators elected the Student Trustees for next school year. For the 2024-25 school year, Hiba Mangat from Centre Dufferin District High School will serve as the Rural Student Trustee, and Zechariah Nasir from Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute will serve as the Urban Student Trustee. Both are currently in grade 11 at their respective schools. Learn more on the [UGDSB website!](#)

Wellness Works: March is the time to focus on Self-Advocacy

As we move closer to the end of the school year, the Upper Grand District School Board and Wellness Works committee are using March as a time to reflect on self-advocacy. The practice of self-advocacy is learning how to communicate your strengths, needs, interests and goals to others. It includes being able to self-identify what areas of support would be beneficial. For more information and ideas on how to focus on self-advocacy at home and in the classroom, [please click here.](#)

