



H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program

Information Session
December 2022

H-B Woodlawn Philosophy

4 Pillars

- Self Governance
- Self-Directed Learning
- Caring Community
- Equity



Self-Governance



- Town Meeting: Held weekly. Students are treated equally with adults.
- Use of Time/Personal Behavior
 - With freedom comes responsibility (rights and responsibilities)
 - Accountable for the consequences of their actions
 - Incrementally increasing freedom and expectations of responsibility

Self-Directed Learning

- Designed to provide our students with more control over their education
- Easiest to take advantage of the freedom and choice at HBW if students are self-motivated and self-directed
- Opportunities increase incrementally



Caring Community

- Small size
- Teacher Advisor system (student choice)
- Student-teacher relationships



Equity

- More purposeful than "once-a-year" festivals
- Deliberate bi-weekly conversations about race, ethnicity, gender, religion and how all of our differences make us important parts of the larger community.
- Addresses inequity, discrimination, bullying.



Typical 6th grade day

- Majority of students ride the bus
- Students have core classes in the morning (same 5 core classes as other schools)
 - Heterogeneous grouping except for math
- Lunch (where they choose, “recess”)
- Elective courses (PE, Drama, Art, Music, World Language)
 - Latin, French, Spanish (Chinese and Arabic in 7th grade, ASL in 8th)
- Courses only meet 4x per week
- Back on the bus



Typical 9th grade day

- Vast majority of students take the bus – countywide busing is provided
- Seven blocks per day (50 minutes each)
- Town Meeting (1x per week)
- TA (3x per week)
- “I” Block – 3-4x per week
- Equity & Community block (1x per week)
- 1 lunch period (open campus with parent permission)

Other Differences



- Few after school activities (ultimate frisbee, but few if any clubs after school)
- CAN play high school sports
- Can NOT play middle school sports
 - No “continuous adult supervision.” Students must manage themselves and their time
 - Off campus privileges

Even more differences....

I Block

3 times a week, students are given a 25-minute block of time in the afternoon in which to do homework, make up tests, talk to teachers, or just hang out with friends.

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Hiring Committees

When hiring new teachers, committees with both teachers and students are created, giving students a voice in who works at our school.

Free Blocks

Starting in 8th grade, students are encouraged to take a block during the school day to do an independent-study class, join a sports team at another HS, or help out a teacher as a TA.

**8TH -
12TH**

Other Features

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No Dress Code

HB doesn't have an official dress code; we expect students to choose outfits that are "school appropriate" all on their own, but punishing students for showing too much skin doesn't fit into HB's philosophy.

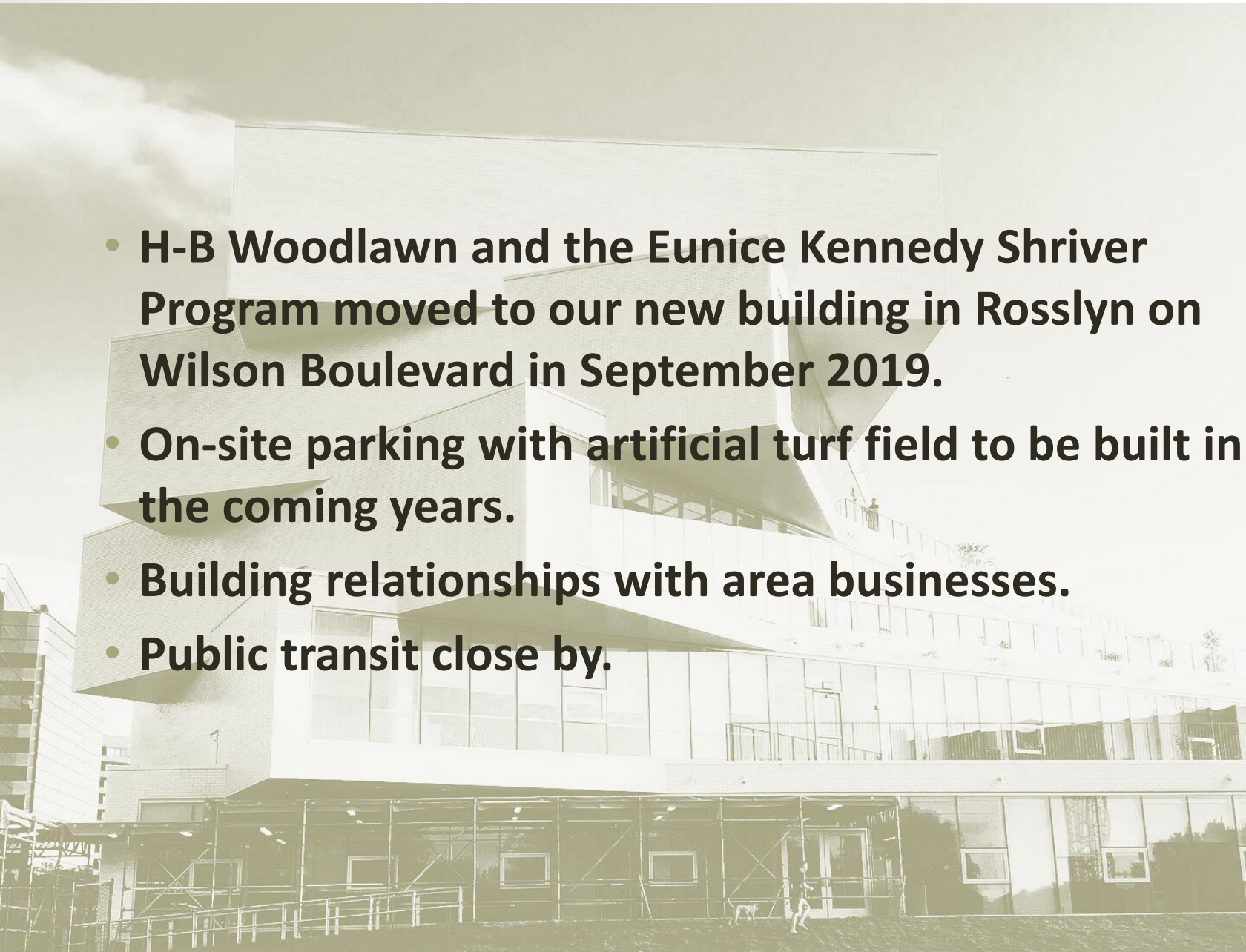
Allocation Process

Every year, students and teachers are allowed to join forces in crafting the budget for the next fiscal year. This allows for student input into the creation of new classes or removal of existing classes.

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The Heights Building: Our New Home

- **H-B Woodlawn and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Program moved to our new building in Rosslyn on Wilson Boulevard in September 2019.**
- **On-site parking with artificial turf field to be built in the coming years.**
- **Building relationships with area businesses.**
- **Public transit close by.**



Application Process

- Attend an orientation session
- Submit your application online by 4:00 pm
January 13
- Double blind lottery on
January 23
 - Notification
January 30 (after 4 pm)
 - Make a decision
by February 13



Gather Information

- Gather information in as many ways as possible.
 - H-B Woodlawn information session
 - Talk with other people in the community with experiences at HBW
 - Have your student spend the day after being accepted through the lottery
 - Talk with your student about the experience
 - Attend the admitted parents' night February 9, 7pm
 - Make sure HBW is the right fit for your student

Application Site (Schoolmint)



Questions?



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