

FREE GUIDE · 2026 EDITION

The Oakridge *School Breakdown*

Which schools serve which pockets of Oakridge in West London, street by street, with the latest Fraser Institute ratings and how to double-check any address before you make an offer.

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A NOTE BEFORE YOU START

Why I put this guide together



When a family calls me about Oakridge, the first question is almost never about square footage. It's about schools. Which ones are close, how they compare, and whether a particular house actually sends kids to the school they have in mind.

My family has lived in Oakridge since 1959, so I've watched these schools from the neighbourhood side for a long time. Now I help families buy here, and the same problem keeps coming up: the information is scattered across board websites, ranking reports and word of mouth.

This guide puts it all on a few pages. You'll see which public school serves each pocket of Oakridge, street by street, and for each school the board, the grades, the address, and the most recent Fraser Institute rating, along with the five-year average so you can see whether a school has been steady or changing.

A rating is one piece of the picture. It tells you how students did on provincial tests. It won't tell you about a teacher who made a difference, a strong arts program, or how a school feels when you walk in the door. So use the numbers as a starting point, then visit.

School boundaries follow streets, not neighbourhood names. In Oakridge, two homes on the same street can go to different schools. It happens on Riverside Drive and Oxford Street West. So before you make an offer, confirm the schools for that exact address (page 10 shows how). If you're looking at a home and want me to check it for you, I'm always happy to.

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Oakridge at a glance

- 3 Thames Valley public elementary catchments cover Oakridge
- Public, Catholic, French Immersion and French first-language options
- Oakridge Secondary is Thames Valley's only International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma school

How to read a Fraser rating

The Fraser Institute rates Ontario schools out of 10 using provincial EQAO test results. Elementary ratings use Grade 3 and Grade 6 reading, writing and math. High school ratings use Grade 9 math and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. The ratings in this guide are from the Institute's 2025 report cards, based on the 2023/2024 school year, the most recent year published.

SIDE BY SIDE

Oakridge schools at a glance

Fraser Institute rating out of 10 for the 2023/2024 school year, with the provincial rank. Elementary schools are ranked among 3,047 Ontario schools, high schools among 747.

SCHOOL	BOARD	GRADES	RATING	ONTARIO RANK
ELEMENTARY · ENGLISH				
John Dearness Public School	Public (TVDSB)	JK to 8	**9.8**	#38
Clara Brenton Public School	Public (TVDSB)	JK to 8	**7.6**	#532
Riverside Public School	Public (TVDSB)	JK to 8	**7.5**	#589
Notre Dame Catholic School	Catholic (LDCSB)	JK to 8	**7.3**	#702
St. Paul Catholic School	Catholic (LDCSB)	JK to 8	**7.3**	#702
ELEMENTARY · FRENCH				
West Oaks French Immersion PS	Public (TVDSB)	JK to 8	**8.6**	#182
École élémentaire Marie-Curie	French public (Viamonde)	JK to 6	**6.7**	#1,062
HIGH SCHOOL				
Oakridge Secondary School	Public (TVDSB)	9 to 12	**8.0**	#86
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic SS	Catholic (LDCSB)	9 to 12	**7.8**	#111

What stands out

- John Dearness is the highest-rated elementary school in London in the latest report card.
- Oakridge Secondary and St. Thomas Aquinas rank second and third of the 19 London high schools in the Fraser rankings, behind only London Central.

Keep in mind

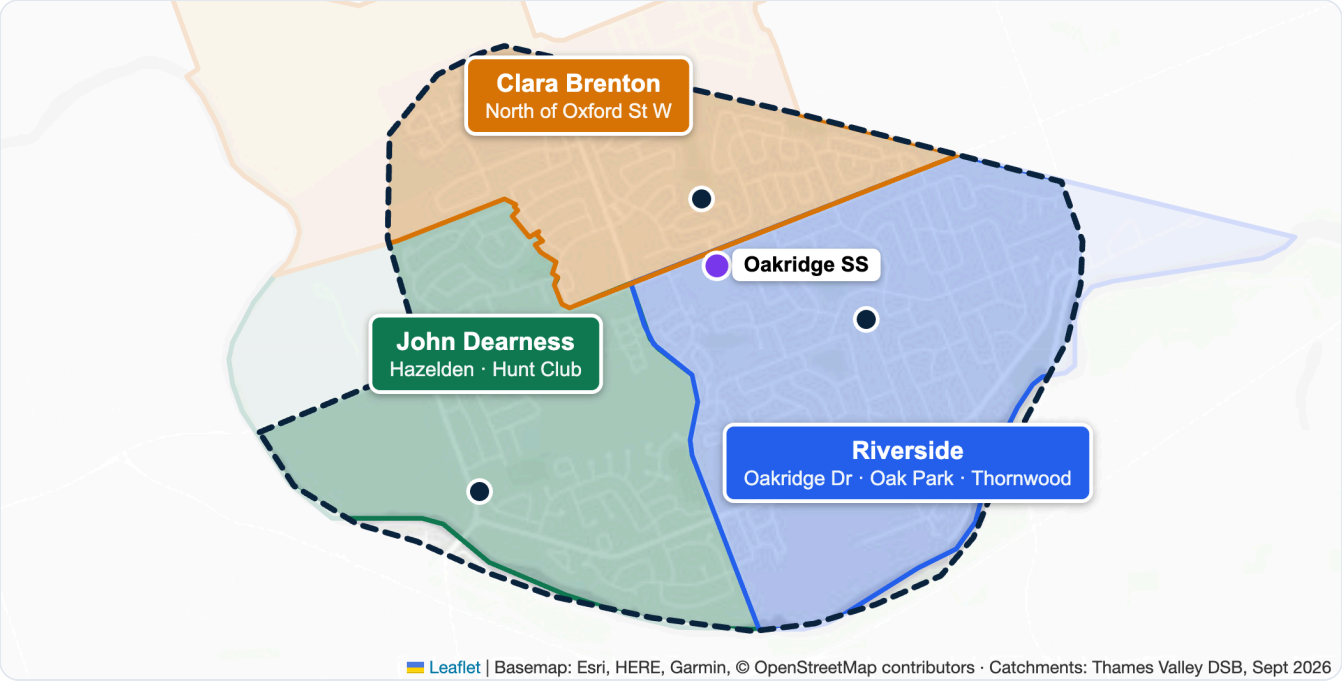
Schools with the same rating share a rank. Private schools aren't required to write EQAO tests, so most aren't rated. Which of these schools a home is zoned for depends on the exact address (see pages 4 and 5).

Source: Fraser Institute, Report Cards on Ontario's Elementary and Secondary Schools 2025 (compareschoolrankings.org)

POCKET BY POCKET

Which schools serve your pocket

How the Thames Valley public school boundaries fall across Oakridge for September 2026. I checked every Oakridge address in the City of London's address list against the board's own catchment maps.



John Dearness PS

The southwest: Hazelden, Hunt Club and the Sanatorium Road side

Hunt Club Dr, Hazelden Lane, Sanatorium Rd, Hartson Rd, Green Hedge, Chalfont, St. Anthony Rd, Montclair Ave and nearby streets.

Riverside PS

The east and centre, south of Oxford Street West

Oakridge Dr, Oak Park Dr, Thornwood Dr, Pinetree Dr, Valetta St, Plantation Rd, Flintlock, North, East and West Mile Rd and nearby streets.

Clara Brenton PS

North of Oxford Street West

Guildwood Blvd, Fontaine Rd, Cedarwood, Royal York Rd, Meadowridge, Richmeadow, Prince Philip Dr, Northumberland Rd and nearby streets.

Same street, different schools

Riverside Drive: Riverside PS for most of it, John Dearness from about 1099 west.
Oxford Street West: Riverside, John Dearness or Clara Brenton, depending on the block and the side of the street.

High school and French Immersion

Every Oakridge address in this check goes to **Oakridge Secondary**, except Halls Mill Road on the Byron edge (Byron Northview, then Saunders). French Immersion starts in Grade 1 at **West Oaks**, then continues at **Sir Frederick Banting SS**.

Catholic and French-language (Viamonde) boundaries are drawn separately by each board. Check those with the board tools on page 10.

Sources: Thames Valley DSB school locator, Sept 2026 boundaries; City of London open data address points. Boundaries can change; confirm with the board.

STREET INDEX

Find your street

The Thames Valley public elementary school for each Oakridge street, A to Z (Dearness = John Dearness). Where a street is split, the school listed first covers more of its addresses.

Adevon Avenue	Riverside
Aintree Road	Clara Brenton
Alder Grove	Dearness
Amberley Avenue	Riverside
Biscay Road	Riverside
Brimley Court	Riverside
Brimley Place	Riverside
Cayley Drive	Riverside
Cedarwood Crescent	Clara Brenton
Cedarwood Road	Clara Brenton
Century Place	Clara Brenton
Chalfont Crescent	Dearness
Chalfont Road	Dearness
Cheltenham Road	Clara Brenton
Clearview Avenue	Riverside
Clearview Crescent	Riverside
Colonial Crescent	Clara Brenton
Cramston Crescent	Riverside
Cypress Avenue	Riverside
Deer Park Circle	Riverside
Dolway Place	Riverside
Donegal Drive	Riverside
Dunedin Drive	Riverside
East Mile Road	Riverside
Embassy Avenue	Riverside
Everglade Crescent	Riverside
Ewald Place	Riverside
Farm Manor Court	Dearness
Fiddlers Green Road	Riverside
Fitzwilliam Boulevard	Clara Brenton
Flintlock Court	Riverside
Flintlock Road	Riverside
Fontaine Place	Clara Brenton
Fontaine Road	Clara Brenton
Garnet Court	Dearness
Georgia Road	Dearness
Glen Crescent	Riverside
Great Oak Court	Dearness
Green Hedge Court	Dearness
Green Hedge Crescent	Dearness
Green Hedge Lane	Dearness
Guildwood Boulevard	Clara Brenton
Guildwood Walk	Clara Brenton
Halls Mill Road	Byron Northview *
Hampton Court	Dearness
Hampton Crescent	Dearness
Hartson Close	Dearness
Hartson Court	Dearness
Hartson Place	Dearness
Hartson Road	Dearness
Havenridge Crescent	Riverside
Havenwood Way	Dearness
Hazel Avenue	Riverside
Hazelden Lane	Dearness
Headley Drive	Dearness
Hibiscus Avenue	Riverside
Hickory Road	Riverside
Hunt Club Drive	Dearness
Hunt Club Mews	Dearness
Hunt Village Crescent	Dearness
Hyde Park Road	Riverside
Indian Road	Dearness
Inverness Avenue	Riverside
Ivanhill Road	Clara Brenton
Juniper Street	Riverside
Kildare Road	Riverside
Kingspark Crescent	Dearness
Kingston Avenue	Clara Brenton
Kingsway Avenue	Riverside
Larkspur Crescent	Riverside
Laurel Crescent	Clara Brenton
Laurel Street	Clara Brenton
Lloyd Manor Crescent	Clara Brenton
MacKellar Avenue	Riverside
Mahogany Crescent	Riverside
Mahogany Road	Riverside
Manchester Road	Clara Brenton
Mantle Place	Dearness
Meadowoak Crescent	Clara Brenton
Meadowridge Crescent	Clara Brenton
Meadowridge Road	Clara Brenton
Montclair Avenue	Dearness
Naomee Crescent	Dearness
Naomee Place	Dearness
Normandy Gardens	Dearness
North Mile Road	Riverside
Northumberland Road	Clara Brenton
Oak Park Drive	Riverside
Oak Park Place	Riverside
Oakridge Drive	Riverside
Oban Crescent	Riverside
Old Hunt Road	Dearness
Oxford Street West	3 schools, see p. 4
Palmtree Avenue	Riverside
Pinetree Drive	Riverside
Plantation Road	Riverside
Prince George Road	Clara Brenton
Prince Philip Drive	Clara Brenton
Queen Anne Circle	Clara Brenton
Queen Mary Crescent	Clara Brenton
Quinton Place	Riverside
Quinton Road	Riverside
Radcliffe Crescent	Dearness
Regency Road	Clara Brenton
Richmeadow Crescent	Clara Brenton
Richmeadow Road	Clara Brenton
Riverside Drive	Riverside / Dearness
Royal York Road	Clara Brenton
Salway Street	Riverside
Samuel Place	Riverside
Sanatorium Road	Dearness
Santa Monica Road	Dearness
Sherene Terrace	Riverside
St. Anthony Place	Dearness
St. Anthony Road	Dearness
St. Croix Avenue	Clara Brenton
Staffordshire Road	Clara Brenton
Stonehaven Court	Dearness
Stonehaven Place	Dearness
Sunninghill Avenue	Riverside
Sutton Place	Dearness
Tarbart Terrace	Riverside
Thornwood Court	Riverside
Thornwood Drive	Riverside
Tynedale Avenue	Clara Brenton
Valetta Street	Riverside
Waterstone Place	Riverside
Wembley Road	Clara Brenton
West Mile Road	Riverside
Weybourne Crescent	Clara Brenton
Whitton Avenue	Clara Brenton
Wonderland Road North	Riverside
Woodborough Street	Riverside
Woodhaven Road	Riverside

* Halls Mill Road sits on the Byron edge and goes to Byron Northview, then Saunders SS. Streets that continue outside Oakridge (like Wonderland Road North and Hyde Park Road) are shown for their Oakridge section only.

Source: Thames Valley DSB catchments for Sept 2026, checked against 840 City of London address points. Always confirm a specific address with the board.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS · ENGLISH PUBLIC

Thames Valley public schools

Three Thames Valley District School Board elementary schools serve Oakridge. Which one depends on which side of the neighbourhood you're on (see the map on page 4).

PUBLIC · JK TO 8

John Dearness Public School

555 Sanatorium Road · Thames Valley District School Board

The highest-rated elementary school in London in the Fraser Institute's latest report card, and in the top 2% of the province. Its 9.8 is well above its own five-year average of 8.5, and the Institute flags it as trending upward.

It sits in the Hazelden area on the southwest side of Oakridge, and it's often the first school families ask me about. Because of that demand, it's worth confirming boundaries early when you're looking at homes nearby.

9.8/10
2023/24 RATING
#38 of 3,047 in Ontario
5-year average: 8.5

PUBLIC · JK TO 8

Clara Brenton Public School

1025 St. Croix Avenue · Thames Valley District School Board

The neighbourhood school for Oakridge north of Oxford Street West. Its 7.6 rating puts it in the top fifth of Ontario elementary schools, a little above its five-year average of 7.3.

7.6/10
2023/24 RATING
#532 of 3,047 in Ontario
5-year average: 7.3

PUBLIC · JK TO 8

Riverside Public School

550 Pinetree Drive · Thames Valley District School Board

Serves the east and centre of Oakridge, south of Oxford Street West. Riverside's 7.5 is well above its five-year average of 6.7, the kind of improvement worth asking about on a visit.

7.5/10
2023/24 RATING
#589 of 3,047 in Ontario
5-year average: 6.7

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS · CATHOLIC AND FRENCH

Catholic and French options

Oakridge families also have two London District Catholic schools and two French-language choices close to home.

CATHOLIC · JK TO 8

Notre Dame Catholic School

767 Valetta Street · London District Catholic School Board

On Valetta Street, a short walk from Oakridge Optimist Community Park. Notre Dame's 7.3 is well above its five-year average of 6.6.

7.3/10
2023/24 RATING
#702 of 3,047 in Ontario
5-year average: 6.6

CATHOLIC · JK TO 8

St. Paul Catholic School

1090 Guildwood Boulevard · London District Catholic School Board

On Guildwood Boulevard, north of Oxford Street West. St. Paul rated 7.3 this year against a five-year average of 7.6, so it has a history of results at or above this level.

7.3/10
2023/24 RATING
#702 of 3,047 in Ontario
5-year average: 7.6

FRENCH IMMERSION · PUBLIC

West Oaks French Immersion Public School

1050 Plantation Road · Thames Valley District School Board

Thames Valley's French Immersion school for Oakridge, with a dual-language program in French and English. Immersion starts in Grade 1. Its 8.6 rating is the second highest of any school in this guide. There isn't a five-year average yet because fewer than five years of data were available.

8.6/10
2023/24 RATING
#182 of 3,047 in Ontario
5-year average: n/a

FRENCH FIRST LANGUAGE

École élémentaire Marie-Curie

40 Hunt Club Drive · Conseil scolaire Viamonde · JK to 6

A French first-language public school, right in Hunt Club. Families usually need French-language education rights to enrol, so check eligibility with Viamonde directly.

6.7/10
2023/24 RATING
#1,062 of 3,047 in Ontario
5-year average: 6.6

HIGH SCHOOLS

Two of London's top three high schools

Of the 19 London high schools in the Fraser rankings, Oakridge Secondary and St. Thomas Aquinas rank second and third. Both are on Oxford Street West.

PUBLIC · 9 TO 12 · IB DIPLOMA

Oakridge Secondary School

1040 Oxford Street West · Thames Valley District School Board

Oakridge Secondary opened in 1959, the same year my family moved to the neighbourhood, and it has about 1,000 students today. It's the only school in the Thames Valley board that offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, an internationally recognized university-prep program.

Its 8.0 rating is above its five-year average of 7.5 and places it in the top 12% of Ontario high schools. Outside the classroom, students have a full athletics program, drama productions, and the Oakbotics robotics team.

8.0/10
2023/24 RATING
#86 of 747 in Ontario
5-year average: 7.5

CATHOLIC · 9 TO 12

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School

1360 Oxford Street West · London District Catholic School Board

The Catholic high school on Oakridge's doorstep, a few minutes west of Oakridge Secondary on Oxford Street West. St. Thomas Aquinas rated 7.8, above its five-year average of 7.3, and is the highest-rated Catholic high school in London.

7.8/10
2023/24 RATING
#111 of 747 in Ontario
5-year average: 7.3



Thinking about IB?

Because Oakridge Secondary is the board's only IB school, students from across Thames Valley apply to it. Entry to the IB program has its own application process, separate from your home school, so check the timelines with the school in Grade 8.

French Immersion? For Oakridge addresses, Thames Valley continues French Immersion at Sir Frederick Banting SS.

Sources: Fraser Institute 2025 report card; Thames Valley DSB; International Baccalaureate Organization

JUST OUTSIDE OAKRIDGE

Nearby schools worth knowing

If you're looking at homes on the edges of Oakridge, or in the neighbourhoods next door, these schools may come up too.

PRIVATE · PRE-K TO 8

Matthews Hall

1370 Oxford Street West · Independent (CIS Ontario and CAIS accredited)

A small, co-ed independent school founded in 1918, a short drive from anywhere in Oakridge. Private schools aren't required to write EQAO tests, so it isn't rated by the Fraser Institute.

Not rated

PRIVATE SCHOOLS SKIP EQAO

CATHOLIC · JK TO 8

St. Nicholas Catholic School

1956 Shore Road · London District Catholic School Board

A newer Catholic elementary school, opened in 2014, southwest of Oakridge toward Riverbend.

6.9/10

2023/24 RATING

#927 of 3,047

5-year average: 7.0

FRENCH FIRST LANGUAGE · HIGH SCHOOL

École secondaire Gabriel-Dumont

2463 Boulevard Evans · Conseil scolaire Viamonde

Viamonde's French first-language high school in London, for families continuing in French after an elementary school like Marie-Curie. Rated 7.2, up from a five-year average of 6.7.

7.2/10

2023/24 RATING

#178 of 747

5-year average: 6.7

PUBLIC · 9 TO 12

Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School

125 Sherwood Forest Square · Thames Valley District School Board

The public high school for Whitehills, just north of Oakridge, and Thames Valley's French Immersion high school for Oakridge addresses. Rated 5.9 this year, against a five-year average of 6.5.

5.9/10

2023/24 RATING

#401 of 747

5-year average: 6.5

BEFORE YOU MAKE AN OFFER

How to confirm a home's schools

School boundaries follow streets, not neighbourhood names. Here's the process I walk my own clients through.

1. **Look up the exact address.** Use the school board locators on the right. Enter the full street address, not just the postal code.
2. **Check every board you'd consider.** Public, Catholic and French boards each draw their own boundaries, so one address can have a different school for each.
3. **Call the school to confirm.** Online tools are a good start, but the school office can confirm the boundary and tell you if it's at capacity.
4. **Ask about capacity and overflow.** Some popular schools are full. New students can be directed to a nearby school even if they live in the boundary.
5. **Check bus eligibility.** Busing depends on distance and grade. Ask the board if a home qualifies, especially for younger kids.
6. **Visit before you commit.** Walk the route at school time and, if you can, book a tour. You'll learn more in 20 minutes there than from any rating.

Thames Valley District School Board
tvdsb.ca, "Find my local school"

London District Catholic School Board
ldcsb.ca, school finder

Conseil scolaire Viamonde
csviamonde.ca

Fraser Institute rankings
compareschoolrankings.org

Questions to ask on a school tour

- [ ] How big are classes in my child's grade?
- [ ] Is the school at or over capacity?
- [ ] What before and after school care is on site?
- [ ] Which clubs, sports and arts programs run this year?
- [ ] How does the school support kids who need extra help, or more challenge?
- [ ] Which high school do most students go on to?

Boundaries change: Riverbend Public School, coming 2027

Thames Valley is building Riverbend Public School at 1000 Upperpoint Avenue, expected to open in September 2027. It will bring together Byron Northview, Byron Southwood and Byron Somerset public schools, so it matters most if you're also looking at homes in Byron. As always, confirm current boundaries with the board.

FROM OAKRIDGE PARENTS

What local families wish they'd known

The same surprises come up again and again when families buy here. These are the ones parents tell me they wish someone had mentioned before they made an offer.

01

"Oakridge" doesn't pick the school

A listing that says Oakridge, or even "near John Dearness," doesn't promise a school. Boundaries follow streets, and Riverside Drive and Oxford Street West are split between schools. Always check the exact address.

02

In the boundary isn't always a seat

Popular schools can fill up, and new students are sometimes sent to a nearby school even when they live in the zone. Ask the school about capacity before your offer is firm, not after.

03

French Immersion takes its own path

Immersion starts in Grade 1 at West Oaks, then continues at Sir Frederick Banting for high school, not Oakridge Secondary. Worth knowing before you plan on a short walk to high school.

04

IB has its own application

Living near Oakridge Secondary gets you the school, not the IB Diploma program. Students from across Thames Valley apply to it, so put the Grade 8 deadlines on your calendar early.

05

Catholic and public are different maps

Each board draws its own lines, so a home's public school tells you nothing about its Catholic school. If you're open to both, check both boards for the same address.

06

The edges can change everything

Homes on the border can belong to a different set of schools. Halls Mill Road, for example, goes to Byron Northview and then Saunders, not Oakridge Secondary.

Your before-you-offer checklist

- [ ] The elementary school for that exact address
- [ ] The secondary school it feeds into
- [ ] Public, Catholic and French options
- [ ] Whether the school is at capacity
- [ ] Any boundary review underway
- [ ] The walk or bus route to school

It matters again when you sell

School zone is one of the first things the next family will ask about. Knowing exactly where your home sits today makes that conversation easy years from now.

Not sure about a home you're looking at? Send me the address and I'll check it for you.

THINKING ABOUT A MOVE TO OAKRIDGE?

Let me check the schools for you

Found a home you like? Send me the address and I'll tell you which public, Catholic and French schools serve it, whether they're at capacity, and how the nearby streets have been selling. There's no cost and no obligation.

What I can help with

- Confirming school boundaries for any Oakridge address
- Setting up alerts for new listings near the school you want
- Walking you through each Oakridge pocket, from Hunt Club to Hazelden
- A free home valuation if you need to sell before you buy



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