



Guidance Newsletter

JANUARY 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Students can apply to 2 regular programs through Optional Attendance
- ✓ Parent/guardian must take signed OA Form to the high school before deadline of Jan. 31, 2020
- ✓ Notice of Optional Acceptance from high school will be Feb. 14, 2020
- ✓ Students will receive their Course Selection Sheets (CSS) during the week of February 3, 2020.
- ✓ Students hand in Course Selection Sheet to their Home Room Teacher by Feb. 13, 2020
- ✓ Students DO NOT submit courses on MYBLUEPRINT from Home.
- ✓ Ms. Castellanos will work with students to submit courses on MYBLUEPRINT during the week of February 18th.
- ✓ Ensure your home address we have on record is current

Ms. Castellanos' Guidance News!

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The next two months will be extremely busy as we get ready for the last few steps in completing the high school transition process. It is crucial that students, parents, and guardians pay close attention to the procedure and deadlines to ensure a smooth transition to High School.

REGULAR OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE!

Students who wish to attend a school, other than their Home School, may apply to a **maximum of TWO (2)** Regular Schools. Acceptance into schools through Regular Optional Attendance is based on available spaces through a lottery system. Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca to read the Optional Attendance Policy. Students are encouraged to consider the commute to and from school before making a decision. Also, if a student accepts an offer through Regular Optional Attendance, the new school would now become their Home School. To confirm your **Home High School**, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School>.

Students can pick up an Optional Attendance Form in our main office or online. The form must be signed by the principal or Ms. Castellanos. **It is the student, parent, or guardian's responsibility** to deliver the signed form to the requested High School. **The deadline to hand in the forms to the High School is January 31, 2020.** Here is the link to the TDSB's Optional Attendance webpage. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Optional-Attendance>

SPECIAL PROGRAM APPLICATION!

Most Special Program applications are now closed! Best of luck to all students who applied to the various special programs. Schools will soon be informing students if they were accepted or not into the program. Please remember to check www.tdsb.on.ca for all special program application tests, deadlines and open houses.

- Please remember an Optional Attendance Form is necessary in order to apply to any TDSB Special Program. You may apply to a max. of 2 programs.

Students will be advised of acceptance or non-acceptance to both Regular Programs and Special Programs no later than February 14, 2020. Please inform your Home Room teacher or Ms. Castellanos once you receive notice from a High School.

Important High School Information for Gr 8's

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS...please review carefully!

Monday, January 6 to Friday, January 31, 2020	Regular Optional Attendance Forms are available from our office. Students may apply to a maximum of 2 Regular Programs.
Friday, January 31, 2020	Regular Optional Attendance Forms are due to the High Schools. Families must hand in forms directly to the High School by January 31, 2020
Monday, February 3 to Friday, February 7, 2020	Ms. Castellanos will provide all students with the Course Selection Sheet (CSS) for their Home School. Students will choose their courses on the paper copy (CSS), have it signed by parent/guardian and return to the Home Room Teacher.
Thursday, February 13, 2019 Friday, February 14, 2020	Deadline to hand in Course Selection Sheets (CSS) to the Home Room Teacher. Notice of Optional Attendance from High Schools will be provided no later than February 14, 2020.
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 to Friday, February 28, 2020	Students will work with their Home Room Teacher and Ms. Castellanos to submit courses on MyBluePrint, at school. <u>Students DO NOT submit courses from home.</u>
Week of February 25 – March 1 st , 2019	Ms. Castellanos will submit all CSS to the various High Schools. The application process to High School is now complete.

**Please ensure we have your current
address on file.**

If you moved, please call the school to receive information on how to update your address.

Regular Optional Attendance – List of Closed Schools

Schools are classified as limited or closed to optional attendance based on the space they have available for the upcoming school year.

All schools not deemed closed are limited. A school classified as limited can accept students on Optional Attendance. A limited school is not obliged to accept all students who apply under Optional Attendance. Acceptance is conditional upon space being available in the appropriate grade and program. If requests for admission exceed the available space, a lottery will be held in February in accordance with the Optional Attendance Policy.

A school classified as **closed** cannot accept any students under Optional Attendance to regular programs. Only students residing within the school's attendance area will be accepted. For more information about the Optional Attendance Policy and Procedures, go to <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Optional-Attendance>

The following schools have been deemed CLOSED to Optional Attendance for regular programs **and will NOT accept Optional Attendance requests.**

Learning Centre 1

**Lawrence Park CI
Leaside HS
Marc Garneau CI
York Mills CI**

Learning Centre 2

**Earl Haig SS
W.L. MacKenzie CI**

Learning Centre 3

**Agincourt CI
Lester B Pearson CI
Native L.C. East
RH King Academy
SATEC @ Porter CI
Sir Oliver Mowat CI
Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI
Wexford Collegiate**

Learning Centre 4

**Harbord CI
Humberside CI
Malvern CI
Native Learning Centre
Riverdale CI**

Extended French

**Agincourt CI
Harbord CI
Humberside CI
Lawrence Park CI
Malvern CI
Riverdale CI**

French Immersion

**Agincourt CI
Harbord CI
Humberside CI
Lawrence Park CI
Malvern CI
Richview CI
York Mills CI**