



# OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE

## Information for Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 Students

*Optional Attendance Forms are available from your child's current school.*

- ◆ Students may apply to a **maximum of two "Regular Schools and Programs" and two "Specialized Schools and Programs" under the Optional Attendance Policy. A separate Optional Attendance Form/application must be submitted for each choice.**
- ◆ Students may not apply to a secondary school deemed "closed".
- ◆ It is the parent's/student's responsibility to take the completed Optional Attendance Form(s) to the appropriate secondary school(s) by **January 31, 2014.**
- ◆ A school deemed "limited" that receives more applications than it has space, will run a "lottery" in the first week of February, 2014, to determine admission offers; students/parents/guardians will be informed of acceptance no later than February 14, 2014.
- ◆ Once a student is offered admission under Optional Attendance, the secondary school will contact the parent/guardian and will provide a grade 9 Course Selection Sheet for completion. Parents/guardians are requested to decline any offers they do not intend to accept within three days. To confirm the selected offer of admission to the school/program of choice, a completed corresponding Course Selection Sheet must be returned to the student's current elementary school **before February 28, 2014.**
- ◆ Once an offer of admission under Optional Attendance is accepted by a parent/student to a selected "regular" secondary school, any subsequent request(s) for admission to the "geographic home school" or any other school must be initiated **ONLY** through the Optional Attendance process. The confirmed selection is now the student's official "home school".  
**Please note:** subsequent requests under Optional Attendance may not result in admission if a school's status has changed due to enrolment.
- ◆ Students will be responsible for their own transportation.
- ◆ Details regarding this policy are available at the TDSB website: Optional Attendance Policy and Procedures

**Please note:**

- ◆ **ALL students are required to submit a completed Secondary School Course Selection Sheet to their *current* elementary school before February 28, 2014.**
- ◆ **The elementary school official will submit grade 9 Course Selection Sheets to secondary schools by February 28, 2014.**

FACT SHEET