



OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS

FACT SHEET

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 **February 3, 2017**.
- ◆ A school deemed "limited" that receives more applications than it has space, will run a "lottery" in the first week of February, 2016, to determine admission offers; students/parents/guardians will be informed of acceptance no later than **February 17, 2017**.
- ◆ 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 must be completed to the student's current elementary school before **February 24, 2017**.
- ◆ 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 becomes 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 24, 2017.**
- ◆ **The elementary school official will submit Grade 9 Course Selection Sheets to secondary schools by March 3, 2017.**