



EAST ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL OF TORONTO

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Dear EAST families,

As the new year approaches, we understand that middle school choices become an issue of much thought and conversation. Our school is thriving, and in anticipation of continued demand for placement, we want to share some important information with you.

EAST's current admission practice allows siblings of presently enrolled students and alumni (up to two years out of the grade 8 program) priority in the application process.

In contrast, the TDSB [Optional Attendance policy \(P013\)](#) gives first priority for admission to "students who have siblings already in the requested school and expected to be in the school for the next school year." For example, if a current Grade 7 student in a 7 & 8 school has a sibling in Grade 6 applying for the next school year (i.e., students would be in Grade 7 and 8 next year), the sibling rule would apply. The rule is that both students need to be attending at the same time.

To provide ample notice to EAST families, for the 2019 / 2020 application rounds siblings of current grade 8, 9 or 10 EAST students will continue to receive priority entry. However, moving forward to the 2020/2021 application process, we will need to comply with established board policies and procedures. As such, any future sibling applicants after 2019 must meet this TDSB sibling definition in order to be eligible for priority acceptance. Of course, for 2020/2021 and beyond, siblings of former EAST students will still be welcomed to apply and considered for enrolment along with all other interested students.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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