



OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE

Information for Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 Students

Optional Attendance Forms are available from your child's current Grade 8 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 1, 2013**.
- ◆ A school deemed "limited" that receives more applications than it has space, will run a "lottery" to determine admission offers **in the first week of February, 2013 and will inform of acceptance no later than February 14, 2013.**
- ◆ 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 and are required to confirm the selected offer of admission to the school/program of choice by completing the corresponding Course Selection Sheet and returning it to the student's current elementary school **before March 1, 2013**.
- ◆ Once an offer of admission under Optional Attendance is accepted by 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 as above has now become the student's official "home school". Please note: subsequent requests under optional attendance may not always 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: www.tdsb.on.ca in the "Boardroom" section in "Policies 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, 2013**.
- ◆ The elementary school official will submit Grade 9 Course Selection Sheets to secondary schools by **March 1, 2013**.

FACT SHEET

