



OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE

Information for Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 Students

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- 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, 2019**.
- A school deemed "limited" that receives more applications than it has space, will run a "lottery" in the first week of February 2019, to determine admission offers. Students/parents/guardians will be informed of acceptance no later than **February 15, 2019**.
- Once a student is offered admission under Optional Attendance, the Elementary Itinerant Counsellor provide a Grade 9 Course Selection Sheet to the student for completion. For non-TDSB students, 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 as soon as possible**. To confirm the selected Offer of Admission to the school/program of choice, a completed Course Selection Sheet must be returned to the student's current TDSB elementary school before **March 1, 2019**. For students who have applied from outside of the district, they must return the course selection sheet directly to the secondary school.
- 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:

Completed course selection sheets signed by parents and the school's Elementary Guidance Counsellor or Principal will be submitted to the receiving High School by: March 1, 2019

