

Victoria Park Collegiate Institute

*Grade 8 Parent Information
Night*



Land Acknowledgement

Toronto is in the 'Dish with One Spoon Territory'. The Dish with One Spoon is a treaty between the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee that bound them to share the territory and protect the land.

We want to respectfully acknowledge as we gather here today that we are hosted on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit, Anishinabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Inuit and Metis people.

We honour with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we inhabit as well.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge that many Indigenoious Peoples from across Turtle Island live in Toronto. We would like to value their diversity of cultural world-views, their resiliency, and their ties to their communities.

Agenda

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- Principal's Welcome
- Commitment to Equity
- Overview of School
- Student Life
- Out-of-Area-Admissions
- Tour

Principal's Welcome

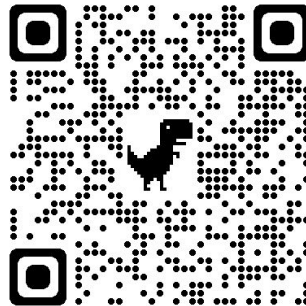
Mr. Tarasuk

Victoria Park Collegiate Institute (VPCI)



School Motto: Take action and pursue our goals with enthusiasm.

Victoria Park CI is a dynamic school with a staff who provides students with a safe and nurturing learning environment but that also emphasizes academic excellence, along with a wide range of co-curricular opportunities that focuses on the student as a whole.

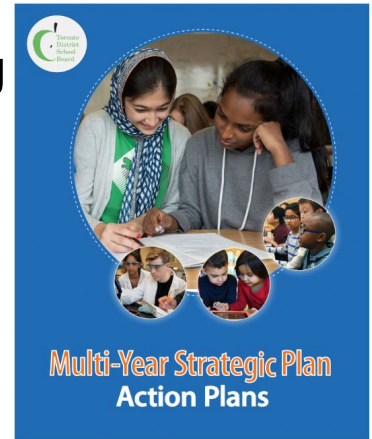


<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/victoriapark/>

Our Commitment to Equity

At VPCI, we endeavor to create an equitable and inclusive community that:

- fosters respect for diversity
- builds a culture of high expectations to address the well being and achievement of all students
- provides equitable access to programs and resources and increased opportunities to lead to success



Our Commitment to Equity

VPCI is committed to building positive school culture, where all students are recognized, all voices are heard and we are intentionally creating conditions for all students to achieve success.

There are many ways we are doing this:

- Recognizing Orange Shirt Day
- Infusing First Nations, Metis and Inuit perspectives into curriculum content
- Creating multiple opportunities for students to become involved in Victoria Park's many Equity initiatives including joining a variety of school clubs that connect with their personal interests



Programs at VPCI

Victoria Park offers a diverse range of programs in mathematics, science and technology, the arts, languages, humanities, social sciences and business education:

- *International Baccalaureate (IB) Program*
- *LD Intensive Support Program*
- *MID Intensive Support Program*

We have an exceptional graduation rate and many of our graduates have been accepted into Ivy League universities.



International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

Established in 1987, the IB Program provides highly motivated, academic senior students with an opportunity to earn the International Baccalaureate Diploma, which is recognized by universities throughout the world.

The Pre-Baccalaureate Programme for Grades 9 and 10 is an enrichment program in English, Mathematics, Science, French, Canadian and World Studies and Technology that prepares students for higher education anywhere in the world.

IB Admissions information for the 2022-2023 school year is available on our school website



Intensive Support Programs (ISP) LD and MID

- Caring and experienced staff
- Smaller class sizes
- One support staff in each compulsory class
- Academic support for ISP students in:
 - Math
 - English
 - Science
 - Geography
 - History
 - Civics/Careers

Special Education Support for students with IEP

- Our Special Education Department is staffed with teachers and support staff
- Students can access support in our Resource Room and in their other classrooms



Resource Room - Rm 173

Grade 9 Courses

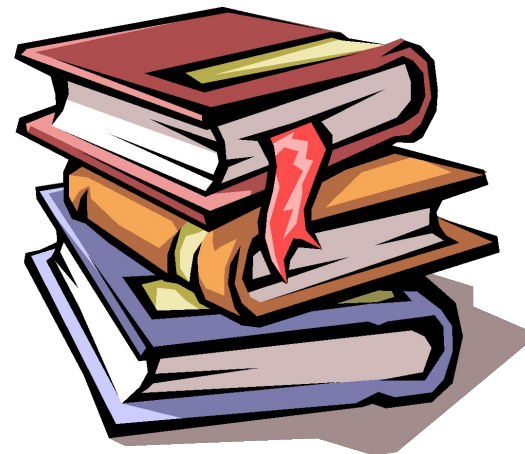
Grade 9 Students are required to take 8 courses. 7 Compulsory and 1 Elective.

Compulsory Courses

- Art (Visual, Drama or Music)
- English
- French
- Geography
- Math
- Physical Education
- Science

Elective Course

- Intro to Business OR
- Intro to Technology OR
- Learning Strategies



Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- 30 credits
 - 18 compulsory credits
 - 12 elective credits
- Successful completion of the Literacy Requirement
- 40 hours of Community Involvement
- 2 online e-Learning credits

What do you need to graduate?

18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	credits in science
1	credit in Canadian history
1	credit in Canadian geography
1	credit in the arts
1	credit in health and physical education
1	credit in French as a second language
0.5	credit in career studies
0.5	credit in civics

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

New

- 1 *group 1: additional credit in English, or French as a second language,** or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education****

New

- 1 *group 2: additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language,** or cooperative education****

New

- 1 *group 3: additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language,** or computer studies, or cooperative education****

In addition, students must complete:

- ✓ 12 optional credits†
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ the provincial literacy requirement

*A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course. **In groups 1, 2, and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3. ***A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits. †The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

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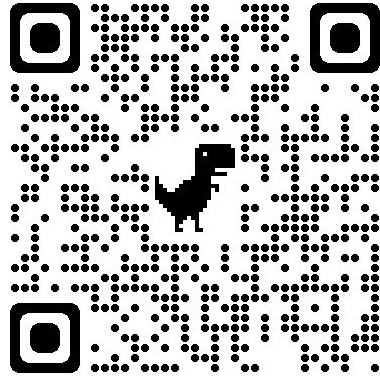


reach every student

Ontario

TDSB Choices

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/high-school/guidance/choices>

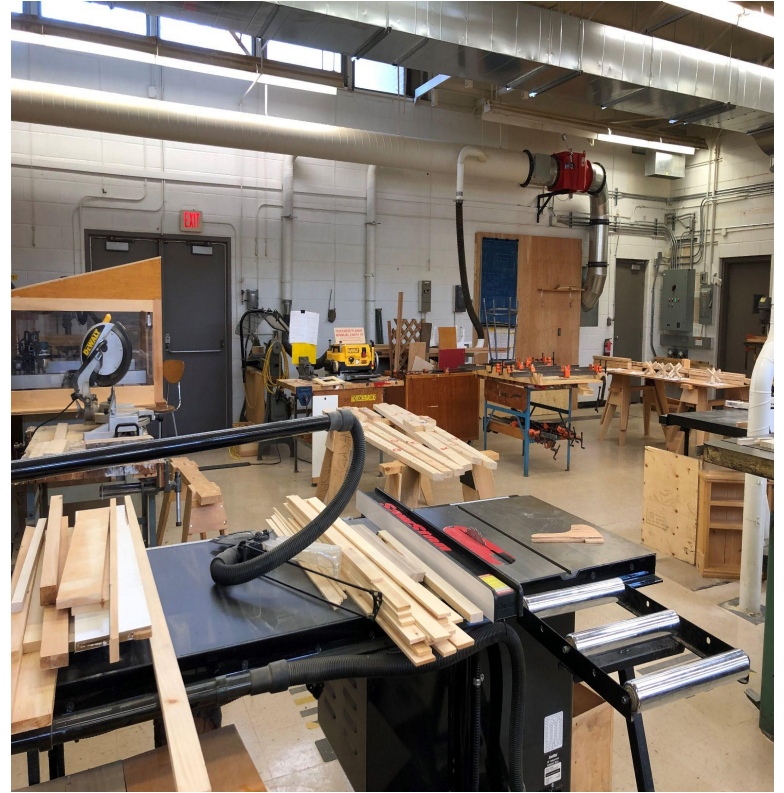


Future Studies

In Grades 10-12 in addition to the core subjects, students have the opportunity to explore courses suited to their unique interests including:

Technology Education

Students in our Tech Courses have the opportunity to work hands-on in our fully equipped Auto & Woodworking Shops.



VPCI Pool and Fitness Centre



Social Sciences & Humanities



Social sciences courses explore the ways in which individuals influence and are influenced by families, communities, cultures, institutions, and societies.

At Victoria Park we offer a wide variety of courses for students to learn about themselves, the world around them, and to also offer hands-on opportunities for learning.

Raising Healthy
Children

Food & Nutrition

World Religions

Challenge &
Change

Parenting

philosophy

Personal Life
Management

Introduction to
Anthropology,
Sociology, and
Psychology

Food & Nutrition

Here you can see students learning in action...



Computer Science

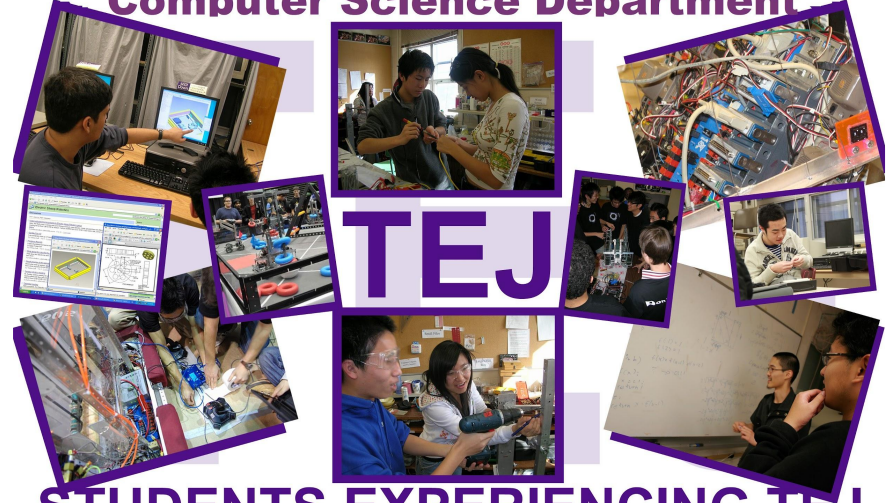
Computer Science Department



ICS

STUDENTS EXPERIENCING ICS

Computer Science Department



TEJ

STUDENTS EXPERIENCING TEJ

Cooperative Education

Our co-operative education program gives students the opportunity to obtain valuable work experience in a variety of fields such as the the medical field, banking, hairstyling, and many more!



Student Services

We offer a variety of services to help support students throughout the school year:

- Educational planning, credit counseling, course selection and timetable changes
- Social-emotional support & counseling
- Referrals to support staff
 - Settlement Worker
 - Child and Youth Worker
 - Social Worker
 - Student Success Teacher
- Peer Tutor
- Post-secondary school planning
- Career planning



Student Life

Victoria Park CI offers an enriching environment where students have the opportunity to explore their learning styles and develop their leadership skills.

With over 60 clubs and sports teams, our extra curricular activities provide something for everyone.



PANTHERS ATHLETICS

TRADITIONAL TEAMS

Rugby
Cross Country
Soccer
Basketball
Volleyball
Track and Field
Softball

Swimming
Ice Hockey
Cricket
Archery
Baseball
Ultimate Frisbee



TRADITIONAL SPORTS CLUBS

Archery
Fitness
Badminton

- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Badminton
- Handball
- Table Tennis



VPCI Clubs

Clubs offered at VP aim to create inclusive spaces for everyone. Students of all identities and experiences are welcome to join clubs where members can come together based on shared interests. Each club is a reflection of the larger school community where all voices are valued and heard.

Clubs

- Because I am a Girl Club
- Chess Club
- Coding Club
- Debate Club
- Gardening Club
- "I'm Board" club
- Knitting Club
- Linux Club
- Mandarin Club
- Math Club
- Panther Gaming Club
- Physics Club
- Psychology Club
- Quantum Club
- TED-Ed Club

Councils

- Athletic Council
- Eco Council
- French Council
- Mental Health Awareness Council
- Music Council
- Visual Arts Council

Other Clubs

- Announcements Team
- Best Buddies
- Christian Fellowship
- DECA
- Emerging Leaders of Health Today
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Future Health Professionals (HOSA)
- FRC Robotics Team
- Girls Who Code
- Jetfac Theatre Company
- MEDLIFE
- Oxfam
- Pride VP
- Tamil Student Association
- Target Alpha
- Universal Finance Organization
- VP Ambassadors
- World Vision

Robotics

Victoria Park C.I. is home to two award-winning Robotics Teams, First Robotics “4914” and VEX.



Robotics

Grand Champion - World Competition in St. Louis

2019 Team Spirit Award - York Regional

2018 Team Spirit Award - North Bay District

2017 Engineering Inspiration Award- North Bay District

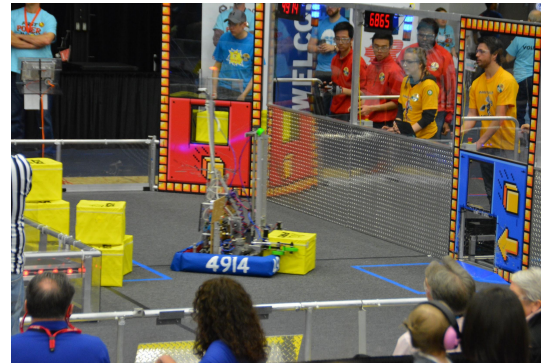
2016 Gracious Professionalism Award- Windsor Essex Great-Lakes Regional

2015 Team Spirit Award - GTR-W Regional

2015 Imagery Award - GTR-W Regional

2014 Rookie Inspiration Award - North Bay Regional

2014 Rookie All-Star Award - GTR-W Regional



VPCI Community Garden

Gardening goes beyond the bounds of race, creed, or religion and is something that all peoples in all countries and all cultures do.



Breakfast Club

- Grab and go breakfast options are available every morning
 - *Yogurt parfaits*
 - *Milk and cereal*
 - *Hummus and crackers*
 - *Fresh fruits*
 - *Granola bars*

Did you know... eating breakfast stimulates the brain and boosts energy levels throughout the day!



Grade 9 Camp Tamarack Experience

- Gives Grade 9 students the opportunity to form relationships with one another
- Connects new students with senior VPCI students who act as mentors
- Activities include: climbing wall, obstacle courses, arts & crafts, hiking, team building & campfires



Overview of Out-of-Area Admissions

www.tdsb.on.ca



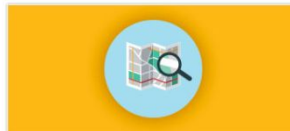


Find your designated school by address



Find Your School

Find your designated school by address and explore other educational opportunities available through the TDSB.



[By Home Address](#)

Fill in your address in the search box



[By School Name](#)

Browse by alphabetical school listing

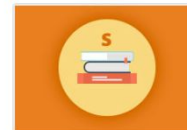
Other Program Options to Explore

In addition to your designated school by address, there are other program options and learning opportunities that you may want to consider when finding the right school for you!



[Elementary](#)

Programs to Explore



[Secondary](#)

Programs to Explore



[Adult Learners](#)

Programs to Explore

Learn more about the Out-of-Area Admissions process

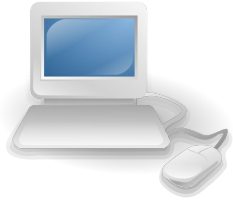


[Out-of-Area Admissions](#)

Applying to attend a school other than your designated school by address

Out-of-Area Admission

(formerly Optional Attendance)



- Students can apply to attend a school other than their designated school by address.
- Applicants will apply online through a central application that will be posted on the Out-of-Area Admissions website
- If you require support completing the form, please contact your current school.

Out-of-Area Admission



- Families may select up to two (2) schools and must rank their choices.
 - ***If the student is selected for their first choice, they will not be considered for their second choice.***
- Please be certain about your ranking before you submit your application. Once submitted it cannot be changed online. You will need to contact your current school.

Out-of-Area Admission



- The random selection process, all email communication and responses are managed centrally
- Families will be contacted via email
- Please do not contact schools directly for results or updates

Out-of-Area Admission School Status

Limited

All students may apply for Out-of-Area Admissions.

The school may admit students from all of the priorities, as space is available.

Transportation is the responsibility of the applicant.

Application Timelines

January 9, 2023 - Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions Online application opens

January 27, 2023 (4:00 p.m.) - Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions Online application closes

Acceptances Timelines

February 8, 2023 - Acceptances and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email to all applicants. **Offers expire February 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

February 15, 2023 - Second round of Acceptances and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email to all applicants. **Offers expire February 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

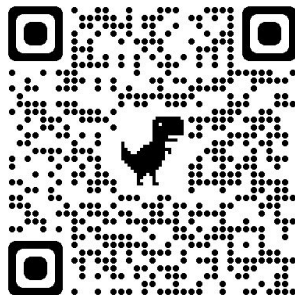
February 22, 2023 - Any final offers will be sent. All waitlists expire on this date. **Offers Expire on February 24, 2023.**

February 27, 2023 - TDSB students must finalize their acceptance by completing and submitting the corresponding course selection for the accepted school in myBlueprint

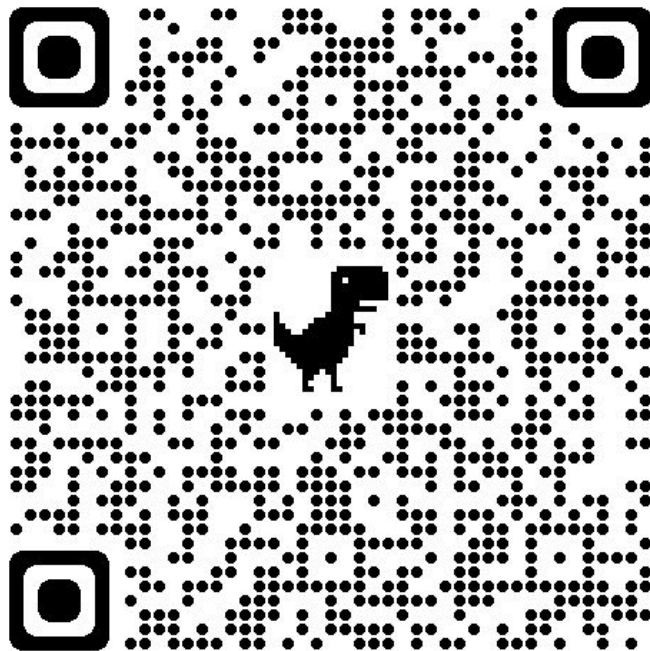
Additional Information

For additional information and to review the Random Selection Process priorities, please visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Out-of-Area-Admissions>



Secondary Central Student Interest Programs (including recorded Webinar)

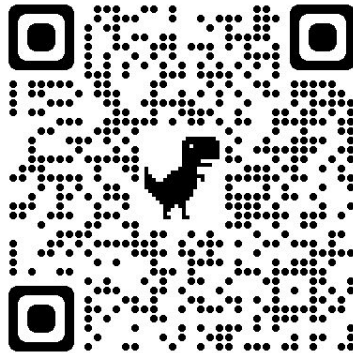


<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs>

Additional Resources

Please visit our website at www.victoriaparkci.com where you will find additional information familiarize yourself with all that Victoria Park Collegiate Institute has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you next September!



Questions?

