

Victoria Park Collegiate Institute

Grade 8 Parent Information Night

November 8, 2023



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 Indigenous 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

- Land Acknowledgement
- Principal's Welcome
- Commitment to Equity
- Overview of School
- Student Life & Welcome from SLC
- Out-of-Area-Admissions & Special Interest Programs
- Tour

Principal's Welcome

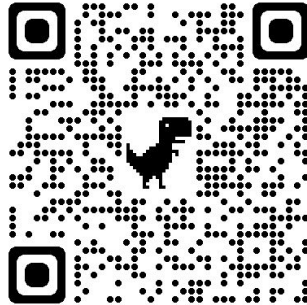
Mr. Tarasuk

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.

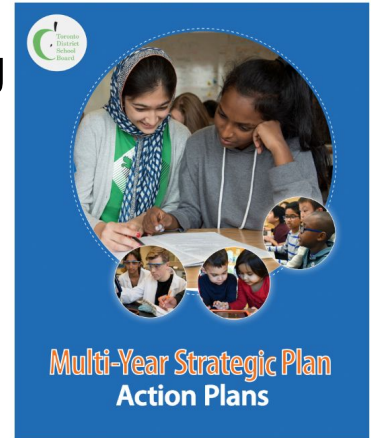


<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/victoriapark/>

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 a 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.

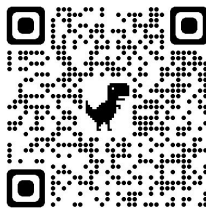


International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

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 2023-2024 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 an 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

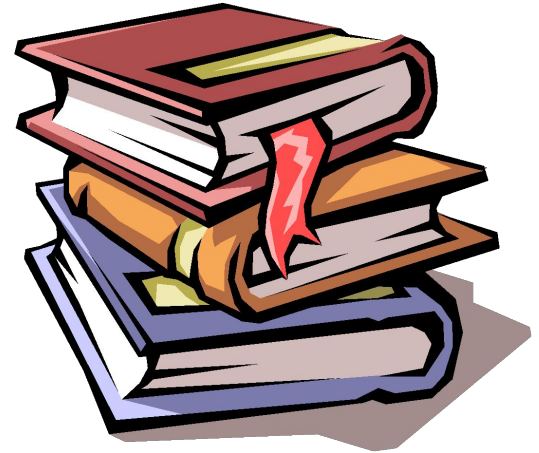
Grade 9 Students are required to take 8 courses. 7 Compulsory and 1 Elective.

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 You Need To Graduate

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Requirements

COMPULSORY CREDITS
Students must earn the following 18 compulsory credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in mathematics (at least 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9)
- 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 choice and citizenship
- 3 credits for group 1, 2 and 3 courses (1 credit in each group)*

Reminder!
OSSD Requirements

- 30 credits (including 2 online e-Learning credits)
- Literacy requirement
- 40 hours of community involvement activities

*Of the 18 compulsory credits, students must complete 1 from each of the following groups:

GROUP 1

- English (including the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course) or French as a second language
- Native languages
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies
- classical and international languages
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education
- American Sign Language as a second language
- Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde

GROUP 2

- Health and physical education
- the arts
- business studies
- French as a second language
- cooperative education
- American Sign Language as a second language
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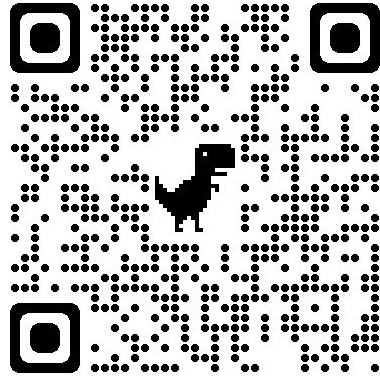
GROUP 3

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- technological education
- French as a second language
- computer studies
- cooperative education
- American Sign Language as a second language
- Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde

For more information about what you need to earn your OSSD, visit www.ontario.ca/secondary/ossd

TDSB Choices

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

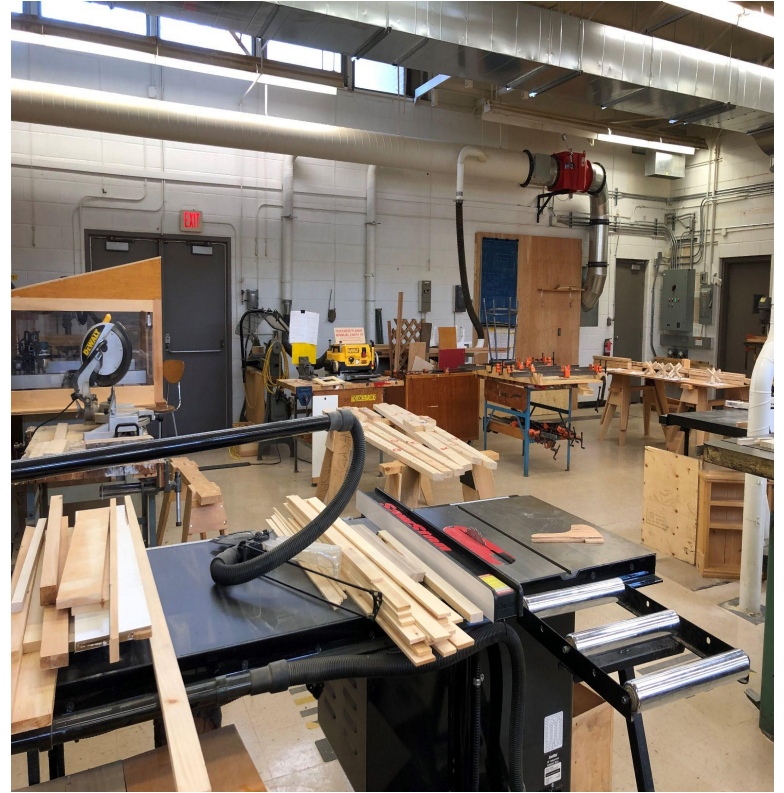


Future Studies

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 AND HUMANITIES

Words included in the word cloud:

- Nutrition
- Trends
- Group behaviour
- Record Recipe
- Nutrients
- Identity
- Secondary source
- Culture
- Primary source
- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Infant
- Research
- Injustice
- Parent
- Fashion
- Design
- Health
- Mental
- Communicate
- Regulations
- Cognitive
- Behaviour
- Inquiry
- Food preparation
- Food security
- Assess
- Children
- Metabolism
- Fabrics
- Human origins
- Equality
- Family
- Thesis
- Analyze
- Investigate
- Psychology
- Bias
- Human mind

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.

Food & Nutrition

Challenge & Change

philosophy

Personal Life Management

Introduction to
Anthropology,
Sociology, and
Psychology

Food & Nutrition

Here you can see students learning in action...



Computer Science

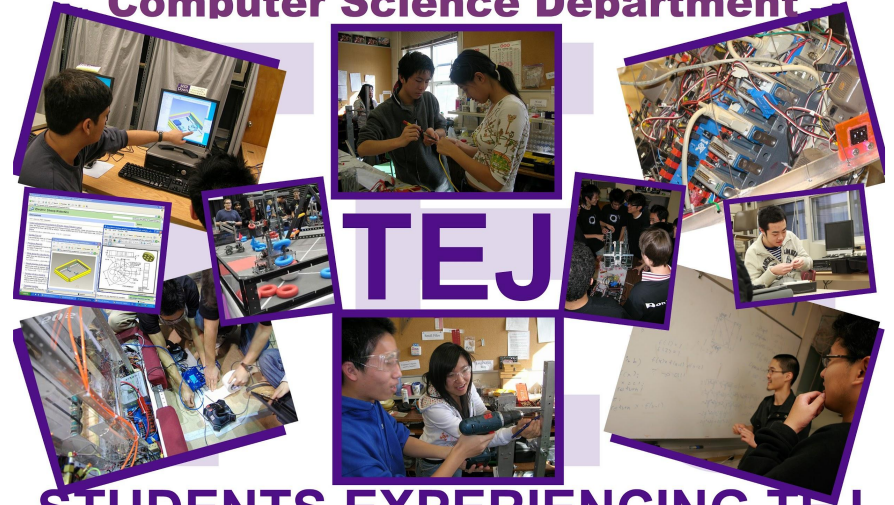
Computer Science Department



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STUDENTS EXPERIENCING ICS

Computer Science Department



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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 Tutoring
- 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.



Welcome from our SLC



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/Associations

- Announcements Team
- Best Buddies
- BSA
- 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

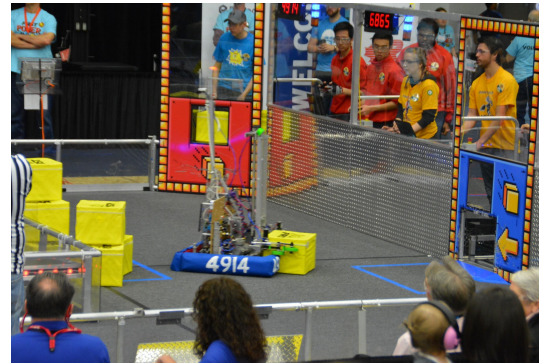
2016 Gracious Professionalism Award- Windsor Essex Great-Lakes Regional

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



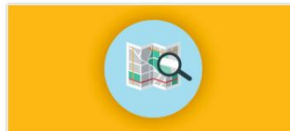


Find your designated school by address



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](#)

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[Adult Learners](#)

Programs to Explore

Learn more about the Out-of-Area Admissions process

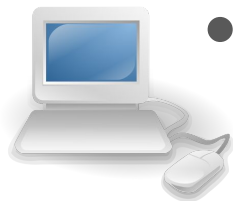


[Out-of-Area Admissions](#)

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

Out-of-Area Admission

(formerly Optional Attendance)



- If you are interested in attending a school other than your designated school by address, each student can submit one online application.
- When applying for Out-of-Area admissions in September 2024, applicants may include one school/program choice on their application.

Application Timelines

January 8, 2024 - Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions Online application opens

January 26, 2024 (4:00 p.m.) - Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions Online application closes

Additional Information

For additional information please visit:

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





Central Student Interest Programs (CSIP)



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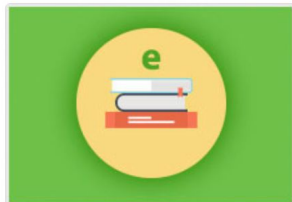
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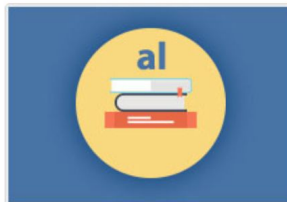
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Applying to attend a school other than your designated school by address

Secondary Programs



Secondary Program Options

High school is a time to explore new opportunities and further your interests. TDSB schools design programs and courses to meet the needs of students and support them in their engagement and success. Students are invited to explore options beyond their designated school by address. Take a look at all of the programs and see if there is something right for you!

[Africentric Secondary Programs](#)

Ontario curriculum taught with an Africentric focus

[Alternative Schools](#)

Smaller learning environments with distinct approaches to learning

[Arts Courses at Secondary Schools \(2023-24\) Search Tool](#)

Learn more about the arts courses that are available at your local Secondary School. Search to see which schools offer specific programs in the Arts this year.

[Central Student Interest Programs - Secondary](#)

Unique programs with a focus e.g. Arts, International Baccalaureate

[French Programs & French School Search](#)

Intensive French programs are available through Early French Immersion (JK start) and Middle French Immersion (Gr. 4 start)



www.tdsb.on.ca/CSIP

High School

► **Going to High School**

Beyond 8

Open Houses and
Information Nights

Find your home school

Out of Area Admissions

**Secondary Central Student
Interest Programs**

Application and
Admissions

Arts

CyberARTS

Elite Athletes

Exceptional Athletes

Integrated Technology

International

Baccalaureate

Leadership Pathway

Math, Science &
Technology

Africentric Secondary
Programs

Alternative Schools

Indigenous Education

Other Programs

Specialist High Skills Major
(SHSM)

Other Learning

Secondary Central Student Interest Programs

TDSB students have access to programs that offer unique opportunities and focus on a variety of interests.

The TDSB offers Central Student Interest Programs that are focused on the Arts, Math, Science & Technology, Leadership and more! All students with an interest in the program focus are invited to apply!

Students apply to central student interest programs through an online application. The online application is now closed. It was open from **November 6, 2023** to **November 24, 2023** (link will be available below).

Learn more about [Applications and Admissions](#).

→ Application Form Opens November 6

Secondary Central Student Interest Programs and Schools: Timelines & Open Houses

Today

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Wednesday, September 13

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Week

Month

Agenda

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Showing events after 9/13. [Look for earlier events](#)

Wednesday, November 1

7:00pm8 to 9 Transition Webinar

Thursday, November 2

7:00pmCentral Student Interest Programs Information Webinar

Monday, November 6

- Central website will highlight all program locations, their similarities and differences and link to school websites

Central Student Interest Programs

CSIP Application Timelines

- **November 1, 2023** -Grade 8 to 9 Information Webinar
- **November 2, 2023** - Student Interest Programs Webinar
 - Both webinars will be recorded and are available on the [PCCEO YouTube Channel](#) , the Guidance website and the CSIP website
- **November 6, 2023** - Central Student Interest Programs Online Application opens
- **November 24, 2023** - Central Student Interest Programs Online Application closes (4:00 p.m.)

Support Sessions are available: Links in the Google Calendar on the CSIP site

Tuesday, November 14 (4:00 - 5:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 22 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)

Important Information to Know Before you Apply for a CSIP:

- A Central Student Interest Program is a school or program in a school that has a particular focus. In applying for a Central Student Interest Program, you are applying with the intention of attending that school every day for the next 4 years
- **Transportation is the responsibility of the applicant.**

Important Information to Know Before you Apply for a CSIP:

- If you require support or don't have access to technology please contact your child's Grade 8 teacher for support.
- If a student opts to not continue in a program, they will be expected to return to their designated school by address.

Important Information to Know Before you Apply for a CSIP:

- Before submitting an application, students and parents/guardians/caregivers are encouraged to attend all relevant Open Houses to learn more about the programs.
- Applications cannot be changed after they are submitted. Please ensure your application is submitted no later than ***Friday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m.***

Central Student Interest Programs: Application Process

- Applicants select one Primary program choice. Applicants may also include an Alternate program choice in their application.
- Alternate program choices will only be considered after all primary program choices from the city of Toronto have been considered.

Central Student Interest Programs: Application Process

Jamaal	Primary Program: Wexford Collegiate Performing Arts Alternate Program: Woburn CI Arts Collective
Mila	Primary Program: West Humber CI MST Alternate Program: Kipling CI MST
Tanya	Primary Program: Ursula Franklin Academy Alternate Program: ESA Drama/Film

Central Student Interest Programs: Application Process

- If an applicant is accepted to their primary application, they will not be considered for their alternate application.
- If an applicant is offered a spot in their alternate choice, they will remain on the waitlist for their primary choice

Central Student Interest Programs: Application Process

- Jamaal Primary: **Wexford Collegiate Performing Arts**
~~Alternate Program: Woburn CI Arts Collective~~
- Mila Primary: West Humber CI MST (#7 WAITLIST)
Alternate Program: **Kipling CI MST**
- Tanya Primary: Ursula Franklin Academy (#356 WAITLIST)
Alternate Program: **ESA Drama/Film**

Application Process - Expression of Interest

- Applicants are expected to submit an Expression of Interest in the application. They may choose any way to demonstrate their interest and passion in the area of their program choice
- Accepted file types for upload include: DOC, DOCX, PDF, TXT, RTF, XLS, XLSX, BMP, GIF, JPG, JPEG, and PNG.
- Links to shared and accessible files can also be submitted. All video and audio files must be shared as links.
- Do not send Expression of Interest to the schools directly

Application Process - Expression of Interest

Expression of Interests must make reference to or be directly connected to the Central Student Interest Program and the type of program(s) you have applied for. Please see possible options below.

- Written submissions (Examples: blog, essay, opinion piece, poem, short story, script, etc.) that refers to the program(s) **OR**
- Text-based submissions (Examples: PowerPoint, Canva, Mindmap, etc.) **OR**
- Audio or video submissions contain student performance that is connected to the program(s) **OR**
- Photographs/ digital versions of student artwork or projects accompanied by a brief description of the work and/or its meaning

Application Process - Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest Limits

- Written/text-based submissions - student original work with a maximum of 1000 words
OR
- Audio/Video recordings - maximum 5 minutes - a performance by the student
OR a performance of someone else's composition identifying who they are accompanied by a brief description of how the work has influenced you
OR
- Digital versions of students' artwork or projects - maximum 3 original student work samples **OR** maximum 3 pieces of artwork with the artist(s) identified accompanied by a brief description of how the work has influenced you

Admissions to Programming

- ✓ Centralized random selection process (lottery) will be used if there are more applicants than there are spaces in the program

Note: students who reside in the City of Toronto will be accommodated before students who reside outside of the city.

All students with a passion and interest are welcome in TDSB central student interest programs and schools.

Supporting Underserved Communities

As part of the random selection process:

- First Nations, Métis and Inuit applicants will be seated in their Primary Program choice in the entry grade
- A portion of seats will be filled by applicants from historically and currently underserved communities, a reflection of the TDSB demographic for students self-identifying as Black, Latino, Latina or Latinx and Middle Eastern.

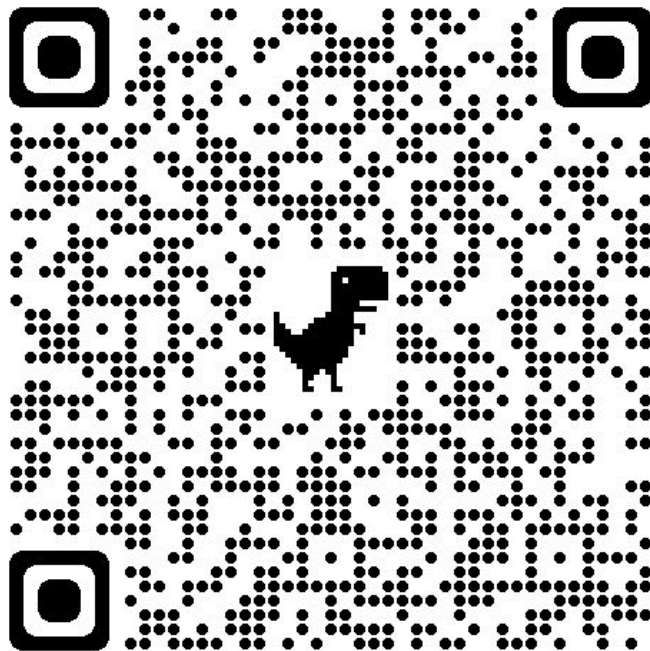
Central Student Interest Programs

Acceptances: Timelines

The random selection process will occur centrally and all communication will come from the Board. Please do not contact schools directly for selection results.

- **December 7, 2023** - Acceptances and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email to all applicants. **Offers expire December 13, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **December 14, 2023** - Second round of Acceptances and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email to all applicants. **Offers expire December 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Offers will continue to be made in January until February 21, 2024. Central Waitlists will expire after this date.**

Secondary Central Student Interest Programs (including recorded Webinar)

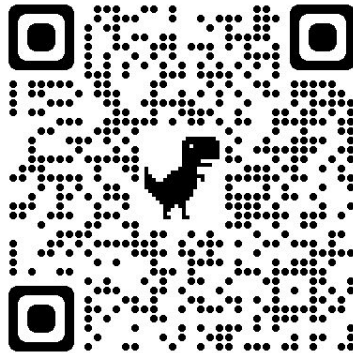


<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs>

Additional Resources

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

We look forward to seeing you next September!



Questions?

