

# **Pre-Baccalaureate Programme**

## **TDSB Statement of Commitment:**

The TDSB is committed to creating an equitable school system where the achievement and well-being of every student is fostered through rich, culturally authentic learning experiences in diverse, accepting environments where all are included, every voice is heard, and every experience is honoured.

**There are different application deadlines for each TDSB school offering the Pre-Baccalaureate Programme. You must be sure to meet each school's deadline for an application to be considered.**

<b>TDSB School</b>	<b>IB Prep Programme Application Deadline</b>
Monarch Park Collegiate Institute	Friday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Parkdale Collegiate Institute	Friday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute	Tuesday, December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Victoria Park Collegiate Institute	Friday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Weston Collegiate Institute	Tuesday, January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

## Procedure for Applying to the Pre-Baccalaureate Programme for the 2021/2022 Academic Year - please read carefully.

**NEW:** This year all applicants are required to complete an **Application Google Form**. The **form requires that four mandatory documents are uploaded:**

- 1) A copy of your most recent Grade 8 Report Card (both sides)
- 2) A copy of your **final** (dated June 2020) Grade 7 Report Card (all 4 sides)
- 3) A completed 2-sided 2021/2022 TDSB Optional Attendance Form, including the Signature of your Current School Principal (or designate) at the bottom. (\*A link to this form is embedded within the Application Google Form).

**NOTE:** Even if the school you are applying to is your home school, you **must complete** the TDSB Optional Attendance Form because the IB Prep Programme is a Specialized Programme. Students outside the school catchment area, or who are not currently TDSB students, are also able to apply provided that the applicant is a City of Toronto resident.

- 4) A completed Applicant's Personal Response - this Response will require the applicant to share information about extra-curricular activities and answer two questions. (\*A copy of the Applicant's Personal Response can be obtained from the Application Google Form.)

The **Application Google Form** also requires both the applicant and a parent/guardian to agree to the Statement of Understanding relating to expectations and requirements of the Pre-Baccalaureate and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programmes.

(Note: these expectations and requirements are outlined for your review on Pages 4 and 5 of this document.)

**Each application will be assessed by considering the applicant's academic achievement, learning skills, teacher comments, and Applicant's Personal Response.**

**The completed Application Google Form, including all required documents, must be received by the deadline posted on Page 1 of this document. Late applications will not be considered.**

Only COMPLETE applications will be processed.

**Only ONE Application Google Form should be submitted per applicant.** Once an applicant submits the Application Google Form, they will get a confirmation email.

**Link to the Pre-Baccalaureate Application Google Form:**

<https://forms.gle/Ec4R6bFgE8MVoJH19>

## (New) Grade 9 Pre-Baccalaureate Selection Process for the 2021/2022 School Year for Victoria Park Collegiate Institute:

<p>1. Applicants submit a completed <b>Application Google Form with four completed documents</b>– here is the link: <a href="https://forms.gle/Ec4R6bFgE8MVoJH19">https://forms.gle/Ec4R6bFgE8MVoJH19</a></p>	<p><b>NO LATER THAN</b> <b>Friday, January 8th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p>2. <b>Lottery</b> is conducted for Grade 9 Pre-Baccalaureate applicants who meet the admission criteria.</p>	<p><b>NO LATER THAN</b> <b>Thursday, February 4, 2021</b></p>
<p>3. Round 1 <b>Admission Offers</b> are emailed to selected applicants. This email specifies how long the offer is valid for and also contains a link to an <b>Acceptance Google Form</b>.</p>	<p><b>Friday, February 5, 2021</b></p>
<p>4. Qualified applicants not selected in Round 1 Admission Offers will be notified of their <b>Waiting List</b> number via email.</p>	<p><b>Friday, February 5, 2021</b></p>
<p>5. Round 1 selected candidates <b>accept Admission Offer</b> by (A) completing the <b>Acceptance Google Form</b> <u>and</u> (B) <b>submitting their course selection</b> on MyBlueprint by the posted deadline.</p>	<p><b>NO LATER THAN</b> <b>Thursday, February 11, 2021</b></p>
<p>6. Provided there is movement on the Waiting List, Round 2, 3 and 4 <b>Admission Offers</b> are emailed (see item 3 above). The email will specify how long each offer is valid for. Successful candidates accept offers (see item 5 above). The Final Round <b>Offers</b> are emailed.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, February 23, 2021</b></p>
<p>7. Final Round selected candidates <b>accept Admission Offer</b> as per the instructions listed in item 5 above.</p>	<p><b>NO LATER THAN</b> <b>Friday, February 26, 2021</b></p>

**Note:** if a successful candidate fails to accept their Admission Offer by completing all requirements by the deadline specified in the email containing the offer of admission, their offer will be withdrawn and instead given to the next candidate on the Waiting List.

## **Statement of Understanding**

Applicants and parents/guardians:

Please review the following expectations and requirements for students in the Pre-Baccalaureate Programme.

In the Application Google Form, each applicant and parent/guardian are asked whether they have read, understand, and accept these expectations and requirements.

I understand that the Pre-Baccalaureate at Victoria Park Collegiate Institute is a specialized program of choice; by agreeing to enter this program I will commit to both the goals and the values of Victoria Park Collegiate Institute as expressed in its Mission Statement. I also commit to the philosophy of the International Baccalaureate Organization in preparation for the Diploma Programme.

### ***Victoria Park Collegiate Institute's Mission Statement:***

Victoria Park Collegiate Institute takes pride in providing a safe, caring, and respectful environment for our community of learners. We believe in the value of a well-rounded educational experience for our students to become academically and socially prepared for the future as responsible, active, Canadian and global citizens. We strive for lifelong learning with our engaging curricula, acceptance of diversity, equitable practices and strong school spirit.

### ***The International Baccalaureate Organization's Mission Statement:***

The **International Baccalaureate**® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

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- Students in Victoria Park Collegiate Institute's Pre-Baccalaureate Programme are expected to actively engage in the following distinctive features of the program:
- Respect and acceptance of others, regardless of personal or cultural differences
- Emphasis on academic rigour
- A curriculum based on international standards and global perspectives
- International-mindedness
- Participation in extra-curricular and service activities
- Developing well-organized work, independent study habits and time- management strategies; meeting all deadlines for assignments; making up all work missed in the event of an absence; and initiating consultations with teachers regarding concerns or problems that are inhibiting your learning.
- Academic honesty in all assessments and evaluations
- Completion of additional homework, reading assignments, and course requirements during weekends, holidays and breaks may be required
- Students in the Pre-Baccalaureate Programme at Victoria Park Collegiate Institute are also expected to adhere to the school's Code of Conduct and all other school/board policies.

Students in the Pre-Baccalaureate and IB Diploma Programmes will do the following:

- In Grade 9, take English, French, Geography, Math, and Science with students in the IB Prep Programme stream.
- In Grade 9, take their arts and physical education electives with students from all stream levels.
- Take either Grade 10 Civics/Careers (two half courses) or Grade 10 Computer Science during the Grade 9 school year. If the Computer Science option is chosen, Civics & Careers must be taken in Summer School following the student's grade 9 year.
- Take both Grades 11 and 12 French in the Grade 11 school year, and write their IB French Examinations in May of the Grade 11 school year.
- Maintain a minimum of 80% in core subjects each year to continue in the Pre-Baccalaureate and IB Diploma Programmes.
- Students will be required to take Chemistry and either Biology or Physics. Due to the full IB subject load in Grades 11 and 12, IB Diploma students who wish to take a third Science, may do so in summer school following their Grade 10 and 11 school years.
- Understand that the family will be expected to pay the TDSB's anticipated fee of \$1500 for the Grade 11 IB Diploma year and \$1500 for the Grade 12 IB Diploma year for each student in the IB Diploma Programme (please note that board subsidies may be available.) Please note that there are no fees for the Pre-Baccalaureate Programme in Grades 9 and 10.