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ADMISSION POLICY

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Documents:

- *Optional Attendance, Information for Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 Students, Fact Sheet, January 2017*
- *Guidelines for Application and Admission Forms/Process, 2017*
- *Memorandum from Ron Felsen, Centrally Assigned Principal, RE: Course Selection Procedures: Transition from Grade 8 to 9, 2017*

IB Documents:

- *Diploma Programme: From principles into practice, "Implementation Policies" section, (For use from August 2015)*

SWLCI Documents:

- *SWLCI Course Selection worksheets*
- *Laurier Pre-IB Application Package*

1. Admission to the SWLCI Regular Program

Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI is classified as closed to optional attendance based on the space available for the upcoming school year. As such, a school classified as closed cannot accept any students under optional attendance to regular programs. Only students residing within the school's attendance area will be accepted.

Grade 8 students residing in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI attendance area will receive a course selection sheet directly from their Elementary Itinerant Counsellors.

Grade 8 students who reside in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI attendance area, but who do not attend a TDSB school will need to make an appointment with Student Services to register in the regular program.

Grade 9 – 12 students residing in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI attendance area will need to make an appointment with Student Services to register in the regular program.

Proof of address is required for all registration appointments.

Admission to the Laurier Grade 9 Pre-IB Programme

The Laurier Pre-IB Programme: To prepare students for the IBDP in Grades 11 and 12, Laurier Pre-IB students take all of their compulsory courses in Grades 9 and 10 at 'Pre-IB' level. Laurier Pre-IB courses deliver the Ontario Curriculum at an accelerated pace, incorporating extra units and activities specific to IB. It is expected that students master Ontario and IB preparatory material at Level 3 (75%) or higher before advancing to the next grade.

a. Application Process

- All applicants are expected to register online for the Admission Test by the deadline posted on the Laurier website.
- All applicants must bring the complete application package to the Admission Test. See the list of the required documents in the current application package. Only complete application packages will be processed.

From *Guidelines*:

- "Monitor and evaluate ... to ensure that both the application process is equitable and that the results reflect the diversity of the TDSB student population. Consult your Superintendent for assistance."
- "Requirements for admission to special school or program are in addition to any requirements to register at a TDSB school."

b. Admission Criteria

- Admission Test results;
- Grade 7 final marks in the core subjects (English, French, Math, Science and History or Geography);
- Grade 8 ratings in the core subjects;
- Learning Skills on both Grade 7 Final Report Card and Grade 8 Progress Report Card;
- Extra-curricular involvement.

All the applicants are ranked based on the criteria listed above. **The offers are made in the order of the ranking.**

c. After the Admission Test

From *Optional Attendance*

- "Once a student is offered admission under Optional Attendance, the secondary school will contact the parent/guardian and provide a Grade 9 Course Selection Sheet for completion. To confirm the selected offer of admission to the school/program of choice, a completed corresponding Course Selection Sheet must be returned to the student's current elementary school before February 23rd, 2018."

From *Memorandum*:

- "Secondary schools must inform parents of acceptance or refusal by February 16th, 2018"
- "The Elementary Itinerant Counsellor ... will be responsible for submitting Grade 9 Course Selections to secondary schools by March 2nd, 2018." , 2018"
- "Students accessing TDSB secondary schools from a private or TCDSB school follow the same procedures as TDSB elementary students."

2. Admission to Laurier Grade 10 Pre-IB Programme

a. Application Process

- Set up an interview appointment with the IB Coordinator.
- Send the following documents to the attention of the IB Coordinator prior to the interview:
 - Registration Form;
 - IB Application Form;
 - Student Non-Academic Activity Form;
 - Photocopy of the most recent Report Card;
 - Photocopy of Individual Education Plan (IEP) if applicable;
 - Proof of address (if applying from outside the TDSB).

b. Admission Criteria

- Excellent interview skills;
- At least 80% in the individual core academic subjects (in order to ensure that applicants are able to catch up with the missed Grade 9 enrichment components);
- Strong Learning Skills;
- Extensive extra-curricular involvement;

Only **complete** application packages will be processed.

3. Admission to Laurier Grade 11 & 12 IB Programme

Admission to the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP): To enter Year 1 (Grade 11) in the International Baccalaureate programme at Sir Wilfrid Laurier C.I., students must have completed the Laurier Pre-IB programme in Grades 9 and 10, or the equivalent, including all prerequisites. Students applying to enter IB from IB programmes at other IB World Schools must consult with the Guidance department and the IBDP Coordinators.

In the interest of student success in the IBDP, and in preparation for post-secondary applications, students entering IBDP Year 1 / Year 2 must be achieving grade level results (70% or higher) in each individual Laurier Pre-IB / IB Year 1 course or equivalent. Students and parents are encouraged to consult with Guidance counsellors and the IBDP Coordinators to discuss progress and academic supports for Laurier Pre-IB and IB students in order to be successful in the IBDP. Only students who transfer from other Grade 10 Pre-IB or IB Programmes are eligible to apply directly to the Laurier IB Programme. The Grade 10 IB preparation or IB Programme the applicant is currently attending MUST BE COMPATIBLE with the SWLCI IB Programme.

a. Application Process

- Set up an interview appointment with the IB Coordinator.
- Send the following documents to the attention of the IB Coordinator prior to the interview:
 - Registration Form;
 - IB Application Form;
 - Student Non-Academic Activity Form;
 - Photocopy of the most recent Report Card;

- Photocopy of Individual Education Plan (IEP) if applicable;
- Proof of address (if applying from outside the TDSB).

b. Admission Criteria

- Excellent interview skills;
- At least 80% in the individual core academic subjects;
- Strong Learning Skills;
- Extensive extra-curricular involvement.

Only **complete** application packages will be processed.