



Northern Secondary School

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Application to Attend Grade 9: Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. I am in-district and my child attends either Glenview, Forest Hill Senior Public, Hodgson, Deer Park, Spectrum Alternative, Market Lane, Lord Dufferin, Winchester, Nelson Mandela Park, or Jesse Ketchum (Northern's traditional feeder schools). How do I register my child for Northern?**

The Elementary Itinerant Counsellor (EIC) at the feeder school will help you fill out the forms, get required signatures, and submit the paperwork to us at Northern by the middle of February.

- 2. I am in-district for Northern, but my child attends a TDSB school other than one of those listed above. How do I register my child for Northern?**

The Elementary Itinerant Counsellor (EIC) at your child's school will help you fill out the forms, get required signatures, and submit the paperwork to us at Northern by the middle of February.

- 3. I am in-district for Northern but my child attends a private school or non-TDSB school. How do I register my child for Northern?**

Please contact the school so we can send you a course selection package by e-mail. Course selection packages must be returned to Northern by Thursday, March 1, 2012.

- 4. When I look at the on-line Street Guide at www.tdsb.on.ca, I am in-district under the commercial or technical column. What does this mean?**

Street Name	Street Number	Range	Secondary	Technical	Commercial
Manor Road	E 1-55	Odd	North Toronto	Northern	Northern

In the example above, your High School is North Toronto C.I. Students may attend Northern but must register for one Technical or one Business course in Grade 9.

- 5. On the Street Guide, Northern appears under the commercial or technical column. Can my child take courses at the Academic level?**

Yes. Northern is an academic school that offers a broad range of programs, including a technical program and a commercial program. We offer courses at both the Academic and Applied levels.

6. On the Street Guide, Northern appears under the commercial or technical column. However, my child does not want to take a Technical or Business credit at Northern. Should I apply through Optional Attendance?

*Yes, you should apply under Optional Attendance. However, we will do a lottery for Optional Attendance. Please note that **space is limited**.*

*It is important to note that most students at Northern take a Tech or Business course in Grade 9 regardless of where Northern falls on the Street Guide. In addition, all students in the Gifted program **must** take a Tech credit in Grade 9. To secure a spot, we recommend that your child take a Business or Tech credit in Grade 9 and avoid the Optional Attendance lottery.*

7. I do not live in-district for Northern. How do I apply?

*The Optional Attendance form needs to be submitted by Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Forms are available on the TDSB website or from any elementary or secondary school. **FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 1, 2012.** A lottery will be held the first week in February, 2012. The number of spaces available to out-of-district applicants is not known at this time.*

*Parents/guardians will be contacted by mail as to acceptance or non-acceptance prior to **Wednesday, February 15, 2012.***

***Current TDSB students:** Parents/guardians accept the offer of admission by submitting a completed course selection sheet to their Elementary Itinerant Counsellor by the end of February. The EIC will review the course selection and ensure delivery to the school by March 1, 2012.*

Private/Non-TDSB students:** Parents/guardians accept the offer of admission by submitting a completed course selection package by 4:00 p.m., **Thursday, March 1, 2012.

PLEASE NOTE:

Special Education Placements

*Placements of students for the Special Education Secondary-Learning Disabilities (L.D.) program (intensive support) and the Gifted program are done centrally, through the IPRC Process (Identification, Placement, & Review Committee). For this reason, **parents are advised that Optional Attendance applications do not include access to the Gifted program or the Special Education SES-LD program.***

8. My child is designated Gifted and enrolled in a Gifted program at a TDSB middle school. How do I enroll him/her in the Gifted program at Northern?

*There will be a Review meeting held at the middle school to discuss exceptionality and level of support for September. This information will be sent to Cheryl Strickland, the Coordinator, who will then determine a placement at a school with a Gifted program. Placements are made centrally, not by the staff at Northern. You **cannot** apply to the Gifted program under Optional Attendance.*

9. My child has a dual designation (gifted/LD) and has been provided with additional support and/or accommodations at middle school. What would be the most suitable program at Northern?

Please call the Gifted Office at 416-393-0284 ext. 20135 to discuss your child's program needs and the possibility of taking the gifted Learning Strategies course.

10. My child has not been IPRC'd (in TDSB or outside TDSB) but I want to enroll him/her in the Gifted program. What is the procedure?

In order to be considered for the gifted program at Northern, the child must have a recent psychological assessment which meets the TDSB criteria for Giftedness. Please contact Cheryl Strickland, Coordinator for the Gifted Program. She will email you an Identification, Placement, and Review committee (IPRC) request package which will need to be completed and faxed back to her.

**Cheryl Strickland, Coordinator for the Gifted Program SW Region
1 Civic Centre Court 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M9C 2B3
Phone #: 416-394-3756 Fax #: 416-394-3766
E-mail: Cheryl.Strickland@tdsb.on.ca**

11. I am in-district for Northern, but my child attends a private school. I want to activate Special Education (L.D.) support at Northern. How do I do this?

SPECIAL EDUCATION SECONDARY-L.D. PROGRAM (FORMALLY CORE INSTRUCTION)

- a) *If your child **HAS** had a recent IPRC (within the last 5 years) with the TDSB and wishes to access the SES-LD program you need to:*
- 1) *register at Northern*
 - 2) *submit a copy of the original IPRC decision sheet, the most recent psycho-educational assessment, the Individual Education Plan, and the most recent report card to Irene Andrianopolitis (CL of Sp.Ed.) who will forward the information for consideration to the TDSB Special Education Consultant, Kathryn Marcus.*
- b) *If your child has **NOT** had an IPRC with the Toronto Board and you wish to access the SES-LD program, you need to:*
- *register at Northern and pick up the IPRC package from the Vice-Principal*
 - *write a brief letter requesting an IPRC to the Principal, Ron Felsen*
 - *provide a copy of an up-to-date psycho-educational assessment (completed within the last three years), most recent report card and any other documentation you feel is important*
 - *Irene Andrianopolitis (CL of Special Education-L.D.) will complete page 1*
 - *parents/elementary/middle school complete pages 2, 3, 4*
 - *submit the completed package with the documentation to Irene Andrianopolitis, who will submit it to Kathryn Marcus, our Special Education Consultant for processing. You will be contacted by Northern staff about the date and time of the IPRC.*

PLEASE NOTE: Priority will be given to students who are currently in the public system in a self-contained program and are flowing through to the SES-LD program as a result of a review IPRC. If space is still available, board placements will be made. This information will not be available until the beginning of May. Feel free to contact Kathryn Marcus at 416-394-3757 for more information.

LEARNING STRATEGIES-GLE109

If your child is currently enrolled in a special education program and following an Individual Education Plan (IEP), your child qualifies for the Learning Strategies program (GLE109). Submit a copy of the current IEP with the completed registration package.

12. Where can I get more information about Enriched Math and pre-AP/Enriched French courses?

For Grade 9 Enriched Math, please contact Mr. Richard Oki, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics at Richard.oki@tdsb.on.ca.

For students coming out of French Immersion/Extended French programs, we offer FSF2D3 (enriched). We also offer a pre-Advanced Placement (pre-AP) stream for French. Students who have a keen interest in French and who have achieved a minimum of 75% in Grade 8 French may select FSF1DP. For information about French courses at Northern, please contact Ms. Silvana Bartlett, Assistant Curriculum Leader: Modern Languages at Silvana.bartlett@tdsb.on.ca.