

Community Information Bulletin #2

St. Sofia Accommodation Strategy 2023-2024

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The following information pertains to available, limited accommodation at St. Sofia Byzantine Catholic Elementary School (CES), for students entering Senior Kindergarten (SK) and Grade 7, in September 2023.

St. Sofia CES is the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's (DPCDSB) regional Byzantine Rite Catholic Elementary School (JK-Grade 8). St. Sofia CES students learn in a Byzantine Eastern Catholic Rite setting and can practice their faith in the Ukrainian language as part of their regular school day.

The war in Ukraine has had a direct impact on enrolment at St. Sofia CES since March 2022. This has resulted in the pausing of enrolment registration at St. Sofia CES for the 2022-2023 school year and the establishment of an enrolment cap of 60 students for all grades. The cap has been implemented to manage existing and future enrolment at St. Sofia CES. It is important to note that the cap does not impact any current St. Sofia CES students. All students currently enrolled in Junior Kindergarten (JK) through Grade 7 would remain at St. Sofia CES, even if there are more than 60 students in that grade.

As a result of the cap of 60 students per grade, there are a limited number of spaces for students entering SK and Grade 7 in September 2023. Registration FOR THESE GRADES ONLY is now open to Byzantine Rite Catholic children and children of Byzantine Rite Catholic parents. If parents/guardians are unable to register online, they may do so in person.

Similar to other DPCDSB regional programs, if registrations for these additional spots exceeds the number available, other accommodation strategies, including a random selection process, will be required. If required, a random selection process will only apply to new students wishing to enroll for September 2023. Students currently enrolled in these grades will not be affected by any random selection process.

Registrations for SK and Grade 7 ONLY, for the 2023-2024 school year will be accepted until 3:00 pm on Friday, March 10, 2023. If required, parents/guardians will be notified of the date and time for the random selection. Students who are not selected through the random selection process can remain on a wait list should spaces become available in that grade throughout the year.

Applications should be completed with all required supporting documents. These are listed on the Kindergarten Registration webpage.

This enrolment cap does not affect any current St. Sofia CES students. All students currently enrolled in JK through Grade 7 would remain at St. Sofia CES for the 2023-2024 school year, even if there are more than 60 students in that grade.

If you require assistance, please contact the DPCDSB Admissions Department at 905-890-1221, extension 24512.

Please note that this and future Community Information Bulletins regarding the St. Sofia Catholic Elementary School enrolment management strategy can be found on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's website, dpcdsb.org, in the [About Us](#) section under [Planning and Operations](#).