



St. Paul Catholic Secondary School

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Note: Please be advised that the information contained in this document is subject to change.

Eligibility

Applicants must complete an admissions package and maintain a certain grade point average upon entry into the St. Paul Catholic Secondary School IB Diploma Programme.

Programme Boundaries

Students from Catholic, public and private schools who reside within the city of Mississauga, south of the 403, east of the 410 and south of the 401 are eligible to apply to St. Paul CSS Pre-International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

If you reside north and west of Highway 403 and Highway 410 and north to Highway 407, please contact St. Francis Xavier at (905) 507-6666 (<http://www3.dpcdsb.org/STFXS>).

If you reside north of Highway 407 including Holy Cross and St. Raphael, please contact Notre Dame S. S. at (905) 840-2802 (<http://www.dpcdsb.org/NDAME>).

Examinations

Ontario final examinations are held towards the end of January for Semester 1 and towards the end of June for Semester 2. International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme examinations take place in May of each year. Grade 11 students sit for two Standard Level examinations. Grade 12 students write 4 examinations (Standard Level French B and 3 Higher Level subjects).

Courses Offered in Grade 11 and Grade 12

[Course Selection](#)

Even though we offer several subjects at both Standard and Higher Levels, some courses do not run due to very low number of requests. There is a possibility of complementing our program by taking some online courses with Pamoja Education (please visit the following website: (<https://pamojaeducation.com/>) only if we cannot match your program entirely.

Admission to ST. Paul Grade 9 Preparatory Programme for the IB Diploma Programme

Students and parents are encouraged to view the St. Paul Catholic Secondary School IB Information video that is posted on our [website](#). The content of this video and the St. Paul IB website is updated regularly.

The following processes for Admission to the St. Paul IB Preparatory Program are in place:

- All interested students are to complete an application form consisting of written statements by parents and students, and include a copy of the applicant's grade 7 final report card.
- The IB Coordinator will contact successful applicants to make an offer of admission. Admission rates will vary from year-to-year based on projected school enrollments. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed and will be placed on a Waitlist.
- Upon the acceptance of an admissions offer, students will complete additional registration documents to complete the registration process.

Admission to St. Paul Grade 10 Preparatory Programme for the IB Diploma Programme

Students will be considered for admission to the Grade 10 Preparatory Program, provided there is space, based on the following:

- A letter written to the Principal explaining the reasons for applying signed by the applicant and their parents.
- Copies of Report Cards with Grade 8 and Grade 9 marks (more focus is placed on the core subjects in Grade 9: English, French, Mathematics, and Science).
- If French has not been studied, the IB DP Coordinator needs to be contacted to discuss options.
- Copies of any other documents with information on achievements, awards, sports, school and community involvement, etc.
- Proof of residence within the St. Paul IB DP boundaries.

Please be advised that in some subjects in Grade 9 and 10 we teach enriched Ontario curriculum (especially in Mathematics).

In order to fully assess candidates, decisions of admission are usually made towards the end of April of Grade 9, after the midterm in Semester 2 when students receive their midterm report cards.

The admission selection is based on the student's achievements in Grade 9.

Admission to Grade 11 St. Paul IB Diploma Programme

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme starts in Grade 11. Students who wish to be considered to join the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in grade 11 will be assessed based on their Grade 9 and Grade 10 academic performance (primarily in the grade 10 core subjects English, French, Mathematics, and Science).

Students will be considered for admission to Grade 11 ID DP, provided there is space, based on the following:

- A letter written to the Principal explaining the reasons for applying signed by the applicant and their parents.
- Copies of Report Cards with Grade 9 and Grade 10 marks (more focus is placed on the core subjects in Grade 10: English, French, Mathematics, and Science).
- Copies of any other documents with information on achievements, awards, sports, school and community involvement, etc.
- Proof of residence in the St. Paul IB DP boundaries.
- Our school requires that students entering Year 1 (Grade 11) IB DP complete Grade 9 and Grade 10 Academic French (FSF1D and FSF2D), and Grade 10 and 11 Mathematics (MPM2D and MCR3U).

For Language acquisition our school offers only French B at the Standard Level i.e., French as a second language. If an admitted student does not have a prior background in the French language (usually around 600 hours of instruction before entering Grade 9), he/she will be required to take a second language online with Pamoja Education (the fee paid by the student).

Presently our school offers:

Studies in language and literature	English A: Literature (SL and HL),
Language acquisition	French B SL
Individuals and societies	Psychology (SL and HL)
Sciences	Biology (HL), Chemistry (HL), and Physics (HL)
Mathematics	Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (SL and HL)

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) for Grade 12 only

Students must choose one subject from each of group, ensuring breadth of experience in languages, social studies, sciences and mathematics.

Notes: If English is chosen at the Standard Level, then Mathematics **must** be chosen at the Higher Level and *vice versa*. ***Courses will run depending on class size and instructor availability.***

The current cost of the St. Paul Catholic School IB Diploma Programme is \$250 for Grade 9 and 10 pre-IB and \$1,400 for year 1 and 2 Diploma Programme candidates. This policy is subject to change.

Admission to Grade 12 St. Paul IB Diploma Programme

Students who have been pursuing International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in other Ontario schools, in out-of-province schools or in other countries should contact the IB DP Coordinator to discuss compatibility of their program with the IB DP offered by our school. Please visit the IBO page to write to the school's IB DP Coordinator: <http://www.ibo.org/en/school/001096/>

Sources and Supporting Documents

[Programme Standards and Practices. 2020.](#)

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