

Application and Registration Information – 2019/2020 Junior High Regular Academic & Academic Alternative Program

Dear Parents:

Thank you for considering Grandview Heights School for your child's junior high education. We would like to provide you with some important information about our school and our entrance criteria, though we hope you will also attend our **Open House on Thursday, February 7, 6:00 – 7:00 pm**, where you can learn more about our school, our programs, and our philosophy.

The Junior High Academic Alternative Program has been offered at Grandview Heights since 1974. The primary goals of the program are to foster critical, creative and rigorous thinking; create global leaders with a life-long love of learning; and to prepare students well for post-secondary studies. We accomplish this by devoting more instructional time to the core subjects; promoting character traits and attitudes that will empower our students to become 21st century citizens and leaders; fostering self-awareness, self-reflection, resilience, concentration, and empathy and balancing our programs with strong Arts and Physical Education programs.

This program is targeted to students with a strong early interest in post-secondary studies. They are committed to rigorous academic learning and also have an interest in creative approaches to learning. They demonstrate strong communication skills in English and in French that can be further developed as they work collaboratively to explore concepts, deepen understanding and engage in interdisciplinary work.

Our **Regular Academic** stream focuses on the areas mentioned above, is academically rigorous, and does NOT require entrance criteria. Please note that if there are more students applying than space permits, a random selection will be made.

Our **Academic Alternative** stream also focuses on the same areas, but offers an accelerated mathematics and science program, which includes completion of Math 10C and Science 10 by the end of grade 9. As such, only grade 7 students are eligible to enter this stream. Students essentially complete 4 years of Math and Science in 3 years and are able to enter grade 10 with credits in these 2 courses. Students who wish to be considered for this stream must meet the entrance criteria below.

Students applying to Grandview Heights for the Academic Alternative Program must meet certain entrance criteria. Students will be assessed on their performance on their (1) entrance exams, (2) their current academic marks profile, and (3) their teacher/school reference. All students who reach a minimum benchmark on these screening criteria will form a pool of candidates eligible for open spaces. We believe that these criteria will give us the necessary information to select learners who will maintain our tradition of excellence at Grandview Heights. Please note, if there are more students eligible for the program than space permits, a random selection will be made of all eligible candidates.

Sincerely,



Paige McKenzie
Principal

Key Dates for 2019/2020 Application and Registration
Grade 7 Academic Alternative Program

PLEASE NOTE: All applications <u>must</u> be dropped off at Grandview Heights School.	
Monday, January 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Application forms for the 2019/2020 school year are available in the school office or online at http://grandview.epsb.ca/application.html ➤ Information on applying to Grandview Heights is sent to elementary schools via district mail services and e-mail.
Thursday, February 7 6:00 – 7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Open House Academic Alternative ONLY (Junior High)
Friday, February 22 No later than 4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Application Deadline for Grade 7 Academic Alternative Program Applications <u>must</u> be dropped off at Grandview Heights School
Monday, February 25 9:30 – 11:15 am Britannia School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Entrance Exams for Grade Seven Academic Alternative (More info will be provided once we receive your application)
Wednesday, February 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Deadline</u> for Applicants' schools to return current marks profile/reference forms
Monday, March 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SchoolZone pre-enrolment opens (If interested in the Grade 7 Regular Academic Program ONLY, you can pre-enroll at this time. This is not an option for applicants of the Academic Alternative Program.)
Friday, April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Last day to send emails to parents of Grade 7 applicants indicating whether or not they have met requirements and are eligible to be included in the random selection, if necessary (April 18) ➤ Results will not be released over the phone
Monday, April 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SchoolZone pre-enrolment closes
Thursday, April 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Random Selection (if necessary) takes place at the Centre for Education.
Tuesday, April 23 – Friday, April 26	<p>Applicants will be contacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>NOT Successful</u> in the <u>random selection</u> - parents are contacted by email ➤ <u>Successful</u> applicants - parents are contacted by phone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents must be prepared to <u>accept</u> or <u>decline</u> the spot at the time of the call (spots cannot be held, there are other hopeful applicants, and there is no waiting list).
Friday, April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Confirmation of enrolment by parents is complete. ➤ 2019/2020 Registration for Grandview Heights ends.

***Academic Alternative stream:** Offers 4 years of Math and Science (grades 7, 8, 9, and 10) in 3 years.



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Entrance Criteria

Applicants will be screened on the following criteria to ensure they are suited to the program:

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| • Entrance Exams to assess the following: | 50% |
| ✓ Mathematics | |
| ✓ Science | |
| ✓ French | |
| ✓ Basic Skills | |
| ✓ Reading Comprehension | |
| ✓ Writing/Self-Reflection/Critical Thinking | |
| • Current Marks Profile | 25% |
| ✓ Math, Science, Social Studies, LA, French | |
| • A teacher/school Reference to assess the following: | 25% |
| ✓ Character, work ethic, independent learner, communication skills | |
| ✓ Critical/creative thinking, citizenship, and well-roundedness | |
| | <hr/> 100% |

Current Marks Profile/Teacher Reference

Applicants will provide teacher with the reference forms directly. Teachers will submit the completed form via email to Grandview Heights by [Wednesday, February 27, 2019](#).

Selection of Students

All students who reach a minimum bench mark on the screening criteria will form a pool of candidates eligible for open spaces in the programs.

Bussing

Please be aware that there is no yellow school bus service to Grandview Heights School, however there is regular ETS bus service which stops directly outside the school. Since the Academic Alternative Program is a program of choice, it is the parent's responsibility to arrange transportation to and from the school within 15 minutes of the school's operational hours (8:30 am – 3:07 pm).



Other Considerations...

Grandview Heights School has a very limited number of spaces available for new students and a high demand to apply for these few spaces. In addition, there are a number of challenges that make coming to Grandview Heights difficult for families even though this may be their school of choice. If you are offered a spot at Grandview Heights you must be certain that you can manage these difficulties before accepting that spot. If you accept a spot and then later change your mind you are preventing another student from having that spot because the school is not able to fill vacant spots once a random selection has occurred. Students who accept a spot will be expected to fulfill the commitment they have made to the school.

Before committing to accepting a spot at Grandview Heights School we require that you read the following items that need to be considered. Please sign off that you will be able to manage these with your family:

_____ I understand that there is no afterschool care at the school. Supervision is provided by the school
Initials for 15 minutes prior to the start of school and for 15 minutes after school is dismissed. Students
MUST be picked up within these times.

_____ I understand that there is no yellow bus transportation to the school. Parents are responsible for
Initials getting their child/children to school on time. ETS has a bus route that does stop in front of the
school. Punctuality is extremely important to my child's learning and to the learning of other
students in the class. Distance required to travel will not be considered an acceptable reason for
habitual tardiness.

I am aware of the added difficulties of attending Grandview Heights School and am able to meet the challenges that they create. I know that by accepting a spot at Grandview Heights that I am committing to that spot for the 2019/2020 school year.

Student's Name _____
(Please print full name)

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____