



Elementary Alternative Schools Central Application and Admission Process





Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.





Welcome and Introductions





Agenda



How to Participate and Ask Questions During the Live Webinar



Review of Important Information



Elementary Alternative Schools



Application Form



The Selection and Admissions Process



Available Supports





How to Ask Questions



From a computer or smart device:

Click on Q&A at the bottom of the screen

Type your question into the window





Important Information

1. Class size and special education support are the same in Elementary Alternative Schools as they are in regular TDSB elementary schools.
2. If a student opts to not continue in a program, they must return to their designated school by primary home address.
3. Before- and After-School Programs in the TDSB
 - The TDSB supports fee-based Before-and After-School Programs serving students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 in over 360 elementary schools.
 - If you are interested in before- and after-school programming, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/BASP for complete information.
 - Information about which Elementary Alternative Schools offer before- and after-school programming can be found at [TDSB Before-and After-School Programs for 2024-25](#).



Important Information (continued)

4. Students applying for Elementary Alternative Schools Admissions in JK should also register at their local/designated school by primary home address in case they are not selected at their requested Elementary Alternative School. If selected, the parent/guardian/caregiver must notify their local school.
5. Applicants can apply for up to two (2) schools: a PRIMARY school choice and an ALTERNATE school choice. The Alternate choice is optional. A complete list of Elementary Alternative Schools is available on the TDSB's [Elementary Alternative Schools webpage](#).
6. The Alternate school choice will only be considered **after all** primary school choice applications have been considered in accordance with our priorities (see section [Elementary Alternative Schools Admission Priorities](#)).
7. Applicants from outside the TDSB, except for City of Toronto JK applicants, will only be considered after all TDSB applicants have been considered for their Primary and Alternate school choices.





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2024-2028**



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TDSB'S MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN!





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By Home Address

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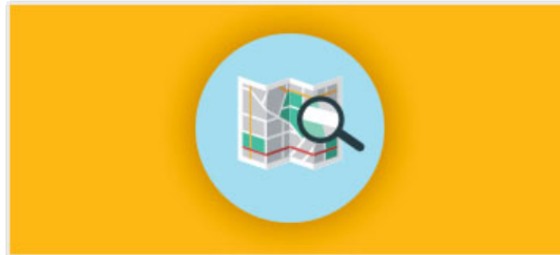
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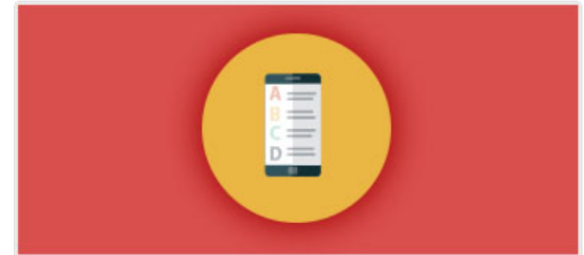
Find Your School

Find your designated school by address and explore other educational opportunities available through the TDSB.



By Home Address

Fill in your address in the search box



By School Name

Browse by alphabetical school listing



Programs and Admissions at Secondary Schools

Learn more about the various programs offered at each Secondary School and the admissions process for each.





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PDF Map

Elementary Programs



Elementary Program Options

Students are invited to explore options beyond their school designated by address. Take a look at all of our programs and see if there is something right for you!

Alternative Schools

Enjoy a smaller learning environment with learning approaches unique to the school

Central Student Interest Programs - Elementary

We offer a variety of unique programs focused on the Arts.

Elementary Academies

Does your child have a passion for sports or music, developing their leadership skills or attending a school with a focus on healthy, active living? If so, the Elementary Academies could be the right place for them to explore their individuality and creativity within the TDSB





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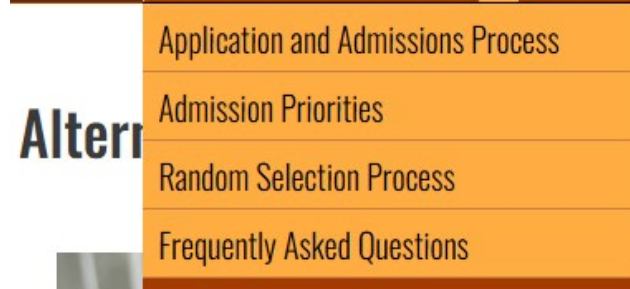
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Special Education and Inclusion Programs



Elementary Alternative Schools Entry Points

Junior Kindergarten

- ALPHA Alternative Junior School (JK - 6)
- Avondale Elementary Alternative School (JK – 8)
- Beaches Alternative Junior School (JK – 6)
- da Vinci School (JK – 6)
- Downtown Alternative School (JK – 6)
- Equinox Holistic Alternative School (JK – 8)
- Hawthorne II Bilingual Alternative Junior School (JK – 6)
- High Park Alternative Junior School (JK – 8)
- Mountview Alternative Junior School (JK – 8)
- Scarborough Village Public School (JK – 8)
- The Grove Community School (JK – 6)



Elementary Alternative Schools Entry Points

Grade 7

- City View Alternative Senior School
- Delta Alternative Senior School
- East Alternative School of Toronto
- Horizon Alternative Senior School
- Quest Alternative Senior School
- Spectrum Alternative Senior School





Important Information to Know Before Applying

1. Attend all relevant Open Houses/Information Nights to learn more about the school and their programs. Visit the [Elementary School Open Houses and Information Nights](#) webpage for details about the dates and times.
2. Learn about each school's educational philosophy and distinct pedagogy. This information will be available on the TDSB and school websites ([Elementary Alternative Schools](#)).
3. Parents/legal guardians/caregivers requiring support, please contact your child's current school for support.
4. If a student **wishes not to** continue in an Elementary Alternative School, they must return to their designated school by primary home address.
5. If your child has a physical disability, it is recommended that you contact the Elementary Alternative School you are interested in applying for to ensure that your child's physical needs can be met.
6. Transportation is **not** provided.



Key Dates

Date	
January 6, 2025	Application Opens in the morning.
January 31, 2025	Application Closes at 4:00 p.m.
February 21, 2025	First Round of Offers are sent by email.
February 26, 2025	* Deadline to accept or decline an offer (by 4:00 p.m.)
February 27, 2025	Second Round of Offers are sent by email.
February 27, 2025	All waitlists will close at 4:00 p.m.
March 4, 2025	* Deadline to accept or decline an offer (by 4:00 p.m.)

***NOTE:** If families do not accept or decline their offer on or before the deadline date/time, the offer will be automatically removed. The child will attend their designated school by primary home address





Admissions Priorities

The TDSB will prioritize applicant admissions to elementary alternative schools in the following order:

- ▶ **Priority 1:** First Nations, Métis, or Inuit Peoples
- ▶ **Priority 2:** Applicants who have sibling(s) already at the school and returning in September
- ▶ **Priority 3:** After the placement of Indigenous students and applicants with siblings, 25% of any remaining spaces at every grade in each school will be allocated to applicants who are current TDSB students and self-identify in one or more of the following:
 - Black
 - Ethno-racial group (e.g., East Asian, Latinx, Middle Eastern, South Asian, Southeast Asian)
 - 2SLGBTQIA+ (only for students applying to Grades 7 and 8)
 - Students with a disability

Note for Priority 3: To maintain the minimum 25% of prioritized seats, if a Priority 3 student declines a seat, the first Priority 3 student on the waitlist will be offered this seat in advance of other students





Admissions Priorities (continued)

- ▶ **Priority 4:** TDSB Priority 3 applicants not yet placed will be combined with other TDSB applicants for the remaining spaces
- ▶ **Priority 5:** Other applicants whose parents'/legal guardians'/caregivers' primary residence is in the City of Toronto (e.g., from independent/private schools, other school boards, home schooling, etc.) will be considered for placement if spaces are available.
- ▶ **Priority 6:** Applicants whose parents'/legal guardians'/caregivers' primary residence is outside the City of Toronto will be considered for placement if spaces are available





Important Information for Siblings and Twins/ Multiples

- ▶ **Sibling Applicants** must select their sibling's Elementary Alternative School as the **PRIMARY choice**
- ▶ **Application for Additional Students** - An application must be submitted for each student who wishes to enroll at an elementary alternative school.
- ▶ **Admissions of Twins or Multiples**
 - ▶ An application form must be submitted for each child in your family, including twins, triplets, etc. You will have an opportunity to indicate if there are twins/multiple siblings applying for entry to the same school in the same grade.
 - ▶ Once you have successfully submitted one application, you will have the opportunity to begin another for another child from the "Submission Confirmation" page.
 - ▶ Please ensure that you indicate on all applications that the applicant has a twin or multiple.
 - ▶ Should a twin, triple, etc. application be selected, both/all applicants will be seated in the class **if space is available**.
 - ▶ If space is not available to seat both twins or all the multiples (e.g., it is the last available seat in the class), the system will randomly select one sibling(s) to be seated. The other sibling(s) will be placed first on the waitlist.
 - ▶ If applicants choose to have twins or multiples apply separately (i.e., not indicating that the applicant is a twin, triple, etc.), individual applications will be submitted for each child, and the regular Random Selection Process rules will apply. In other words, if one child is chosen, the twin/multiple(s) is not automatically granted acceptance or waitlisted by virtue of being a twin/multiple.



The Application Form





Elementary Alternative Schools Application 2025- 2026

Student Legal Last Name required

As written on legal document such as birth certificate (Max 50 characters)

Student Legal First Name required

As written on legal document such as birth certificate (Max 50 characters)

Student Legal Middle Name

As written on legal document such as birth certificate (Max 30 characters)

Check here if student has a preferred name [i](#)

Student's Date of Birth required

mm/dd/yyyy

Country required

Canada ▼

Province required

Ontario ▼

Postal Code required

XXX XXX

City/Town required

Street Address required

ex. 123 Magnolia Road

Is this address a multi-tenant building complex? required [i](#)

Example: Townhouse, Apartment, Condo, etc.

- Select - ▼

Validate Address





School Selection

Enrolling Grade for the 2025-2026 Year required

- Select -



Primary School Choice

Primary School Choice required i

- Select -



Alternate School Choice (Optional)

Alternate School Choice (Optional) i

- Select -





Elementary Alternative Schools Application 2025- 2026

Does APPLICANT have a sibling at their primary school choice who will remain there the following school year? required [i](#)

Yes

No

Sibling TDSB Student Number required

(Nine digit number starting with a "3" that can be found on TDSB student timetable. Please contact your school if you do not know this number)

Sibling Legal Last Name required

Sibling Legal First Name required

Sibling Date of Birth required

mm/dd/yyyy

Sibling Current Grade required

- Select -





Sibling Information

Admissions of Other Siblings (e.g. twins, triplets)

Individual applications must be submitted for twins or multiple siblings applying for the same grade at the same school.

Does APPLICANT have any siblings applying for the same grade at the same school? required

Yes

No

i Be sure to submit a separate application for siblings applying to the same grade and school and list this sibling on the other application(s).



Elementary Alternative Schools Application Overview

Student Information

- Student Legal Name, Date of Birth, Primary Home Address

School Choice

- Current School and Grade, and Student Number (TDSB students only)
- School Selection – Primary School Choice and Alternate School Choice (if applicable)

Sibling Information

- Admissions of Other Siblings (e.g. twins, triplets)

Self-Identification

- Voluntary self-identification of student racial identity and background

Contact Information

- Contact information of the parent/legal guardian/caregiver

Additional Information about the Application

- **Saving Information and Resuming at a Later Date** - Once started, the application can be saved along the way. There is **no reminder to complete and submit** if the application is incomplete.
- Students and their parents, guardians or caregivers should make every effort to attend all appropriate Open Houses before making a final decision about program choices.
- Once submitted, the application cannot be changed. Should a change be needed, please reach out to the Elementary Alternative Schools Admissions Team at EAS.Application@tdsb.on.ca

Additional Information about the Application

- The application closes Friday, January 31, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- This is not a first come first serve application
- Once your application has been submitted, you will receive an email confirmation from noreplyregistration@powerschool.com - Please check to ensure that you receive this email confirmation; **check your spam and junk emails**. If you do not receive the email confirmation, please contact your current TDSB school. Non-TDSB applicants should contact EAS.Application@tdsb.on.ca





The Random Selection Process and Admissions



The Random Selection Process and Admissions: Reminders

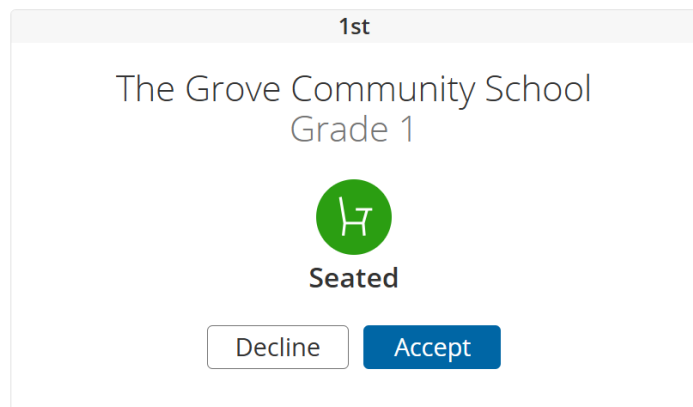
- The random selection process will occur centrally, and all communications will come via email from the Board. Please do not contact schools directly for selection results. Reminder: **check your spam and junk emails.**
- **Friday, February 21, 2025** - Round 1 placement offers, and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email, to all applicants.
- **Wednesday, February 26, 2025** - Offers must be accepted or declined by 4:00 pm.
 - If you do not accept or decline the offer of placement on or before the February 26, 2025, deadline, the offer will be automatically declined.
 - The child will attend their designated school by primary home address.

The Random Selection Process and Admissions: Reminders

- **Thursday, February 27, 2025** - Round 2 placement offers, and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email, to all applicants. The Waitlist will then be closed and no further offers of placement will be made.
- **Tuesday, March 4, 2025** - Offers must be accepted or declined by 4:00 pm.
 - If you do not accept or decline the offer of placement on or before the March 4, 2025, deadline, the offer will be automatically declined.
 - The child will attend their designated school by primary home address.



Scenario 1: Applicant only applies to their Primary school choice and receives an offer – what happens?



Should the applicant receive an offer for their Primary school choice, the family can accept or decline the offer.

If the applicant decides to decline the offer to the Primary school choice, then they will attend their designated school by primary home address, and no other offer to an elementary alternative school will be provided to the applicant.



Scenario 2: Applicant only applies to a Primary school choice and does not receive an offer – what happens?




Should the applicant not select an Alternate school choice and does not receive an offer for their Primary school choice, they will be placed on the waitlist for their Primary school choice:

- If a **seat becomes available** in the Primary school choice, the family will be offered a seat.
- The family can accept or decline the offer.
- If the applicant decides to decline the offer to their Primary school choice, then they will attend their designated school by primary home address.
- If a **seat does not become available** at the completion of the placement process, the applicant is removed from the waitlist.
- The applicant will attend their designated school by primary home address.

Scenario 3: Applicant applies to their Primary and Alternate school choices. Applicant receives an offer to their Primary school choice – what happens to the Alternate school choice?

1st


Delta Alternative Senior School
Grade 8



Seated

2nd

Horizon Alternative Senior School
Grade 8



Not Selected

- Should the applicant receive an offer for their Primary school choice, the system will automatically remove the applicant from their Alternate choice.
- The family can accept or decline the offer to their Primary school choice.
- If the applicant decides to decline the offer to the Primary school choice, then they will attend their designated school by address, and no other offer to an elementary alternative school will be provided to the applicant.



Scenario 4: Applicant receives an offer to their Alternate school choice and accepts the Alternate school choice offer – what happens to the Primary school choice?



- Should the applicant receive an offer for their Alternate school choice, the family can accept the offer. If they do, they will remain on the waitlist for their Primary school choice.
- If a seat becomes available in the Primary school choice, the family will be offered a seat in the Primary school choice and **automatically removed from the Alternate school choice.**

The applicant can then accept the offer to the Primary school choice. If the applicant decides to decline the offer to the Primary school choice, then they will attend their designated school by primary home address, and no other offer to an elementary alternative school will be provided to the applicant.



Scenario 5: Applicant receives an offer to their Alternate school choice and declines the Alternate school choice offer – what happens to the Primary school choice?

1st


High Park Alternative Junior School
Grade 2



Waitlist
Position: #1

2nd

Mountview Alternative School
Grade 2



Declined Seat

- Should the applicant receive an offer for their Alternate school choice, the family can decline the offer. If they do, they will remain on the waitlist for their Primary school choice.
- If a seat becomes available in the Primary school choice, the family will be offered a seat in the Primary school choice. The applicant can then accept the offer to the Primary school choice.

If the applicant decides to also decline the offer to the Primary school choice, then they will attend their designated school by primary home address, and no other offer to an elementary alternative school will be provided to the applicant.



Scenario 6: Applicant receives an offer to their Alternate school choice and accepts the Alternate school choice offer and wants to be removed from their Primary school choice.

- Should the applicant receive an offer for their Alternate school choice, the family can accept the offer. If they do accept, they will remain on the waitlist for their Primary school choice.
- If the family wishes to be removed from their Primary school choice, they will need to promptly email EAS.Application@tdsb.on.ca and ask to be removed from their Primary school choice.
- Otherwise, if a seat becomes available in the Primary school choice, the family will be offered a seat in the Primary school choice and **automatically removed from the Alternate school choice.**





Available Supports

Alternative Schools Website

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/alternativeschools/>

Contact Information

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