

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME INFORMATION PRESENTATION



Land Acknowledgement

As guests on Turtle Island, we would like to start by acknowledging that we are connecting today from land that has been shared with us so that we may work and learn together in service of the students who attend or will attend our schools.

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties are signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

Welcome From The Administration Team



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Principal and
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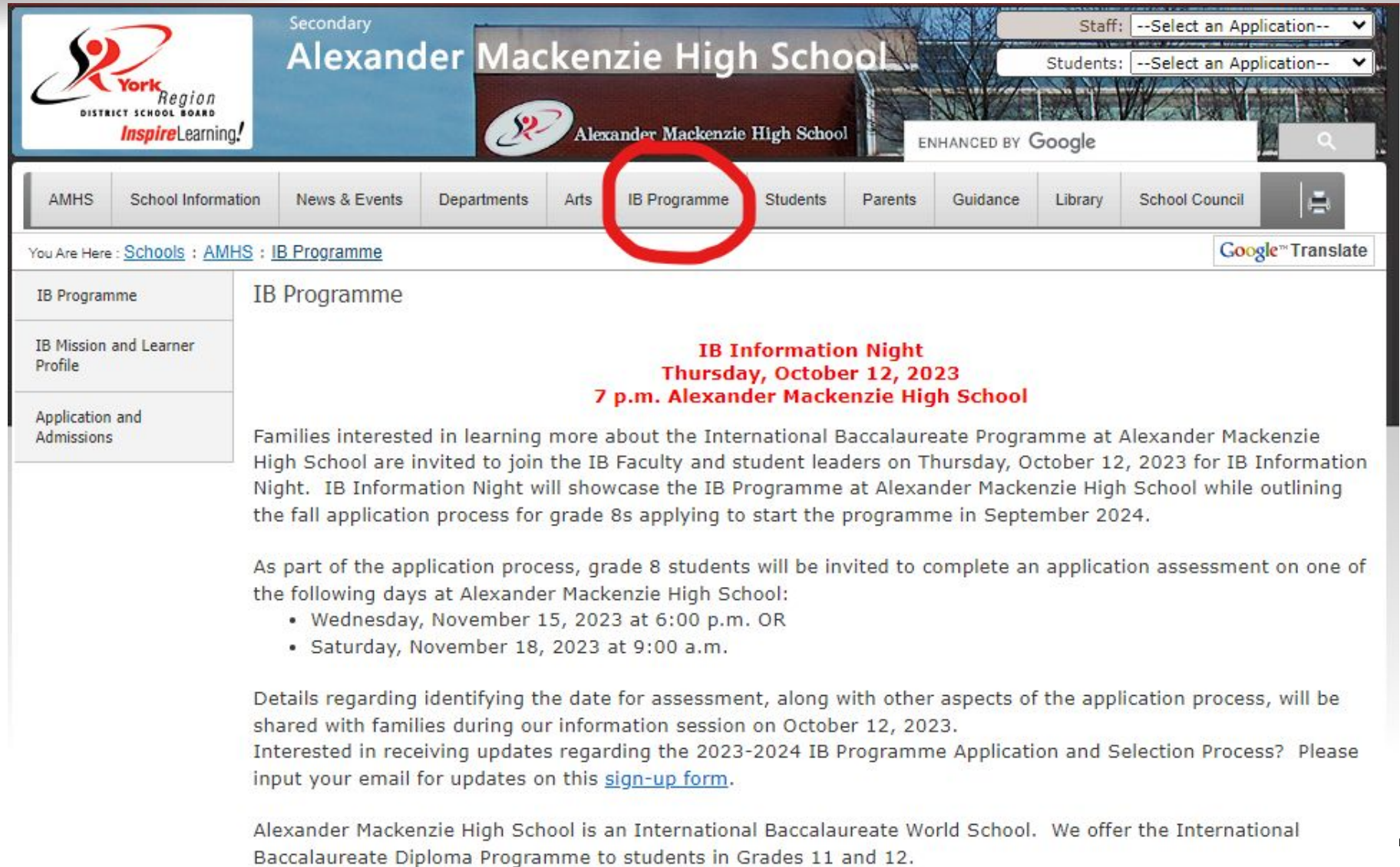
EE Coordinator

John Daides

*Head of Guidance
CAS Coordinator*



Tonight's Presentation Will Be Made Available On Our AMHS IB Programme Website on October 13



The screenshot shows the website for Alexander Mackenzie High School, a Secondary school in the York Region District School Board. The header includes the school's name and logo, along with dropdown menus for Staff and Students to select an application. A navigation bar contains links to AMHS, School Information, News & Events, Departments, Arts, IB Programme (circled in red), Students, Parents, Guidance, Library, and School Council. A Google search bar is also present.

You Are Here : [Schools](#) : [AMHS](#) : [IB Programme](#)

IB Programme

IB Information Night
Thursday, October 12, 2023
7 p.m. Alexander Mackenzie High School

Families interested in learning more about the International Baccalaureate Programme at Alexander Mackenzie High School are invited to join the IB Faculty and student leaders on Thursday, October 12, 2023 for IB Information Night. IB Information Night will showcase the IB Programme at Alexander Mackenzie High School while outlining the fall application process for grade 8s applying to start the programme in September 2024.

As part of the application process, grade 8 students will be invited to complete an application assessment on one of the following days at Alexander Mackenzie High School:

- Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. OR
- Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Details regarding identifying the date for assessment, along with other aspects of the application process, will be shared with families during our information session on October 12, 2023.

Interested in receiving updates regarding the 2023-2024 IB Programme Application and Selection Process? Please input your email for updates on this [sign-up form](#).

Alexander Mackenzie High School is an International Baccalaureate World School. We offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme to students in Grades 11 and 12.

Questions? Please submit here:

<https://bit.ly/questionsibamhs>

After the presentation, we will publish an FAQ with answers to the questions.



Agenda

- Overview of the IB Diploma Programme
- Overview of the IB Programme at Alexander Mackenzie High School
- The Application Process
 - School Locator, Eligibility and Application Window
 - Application Components
- Accessing EDSBY
- Frequently Asked Questions
- General Reminders



The International Baccalaureate Programme



IB Diploma Programme Course of Study

**Over the course
of a two year
programme:**

- **Six academic subjects
from six subject
groups**



IB Diploma Programme (DP) and Preparatory Years

**Grade 9 and 10
Preparatory Years**

**Grade 11 and 12
Diploma Programme (DP)**

*Students working towards Ontario Secondary School
Diploma while also working towards the IB Diploma*

GRADE 9 Preparing for the Diploma Years

- English
- French
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Science
- 2 Elective Courses



■ *Arts*

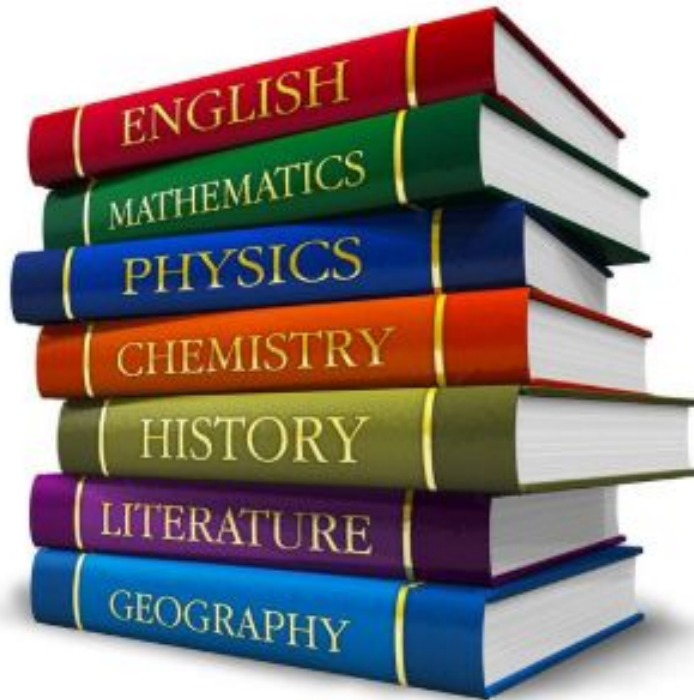
■ *Computer Studies*

■ *Technology*

■ *Business*

■ *Family Studies*

Grade 10 Preparing for the Diploma Years



- English
- French
- History
- Mathematics (2 Credits)
- Science
- Civics and Careers
- 1 Elective Course

IB Terminology in DP Programme (Gr. 11 and 12 years)

HL (Higher Level) course
= 3 semesters of course work

SL (Standard Level) courses
= 2 semesters of course work



IB Diploma Overview

Students take:

- 3 subjects at the **HL** level
- 3 subjects at the **SL** Level

Complete the IB Core:

- Extended Essay (EE)
- Theory of Knowledge (ToK)
- Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)



IB Diploma Programme Course of Study

Group 1 English (HL)

Group 2 French (SL)

Group 3 History (HL)

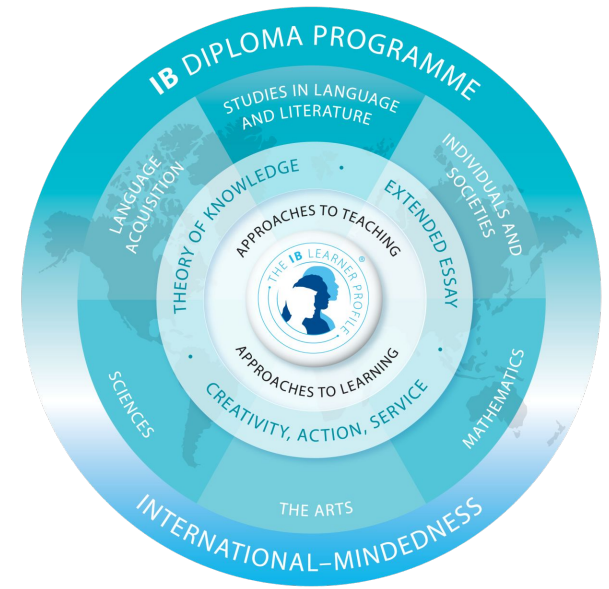
Group 4 Chemistry (HL)

Group 5 Mathematics(SL)

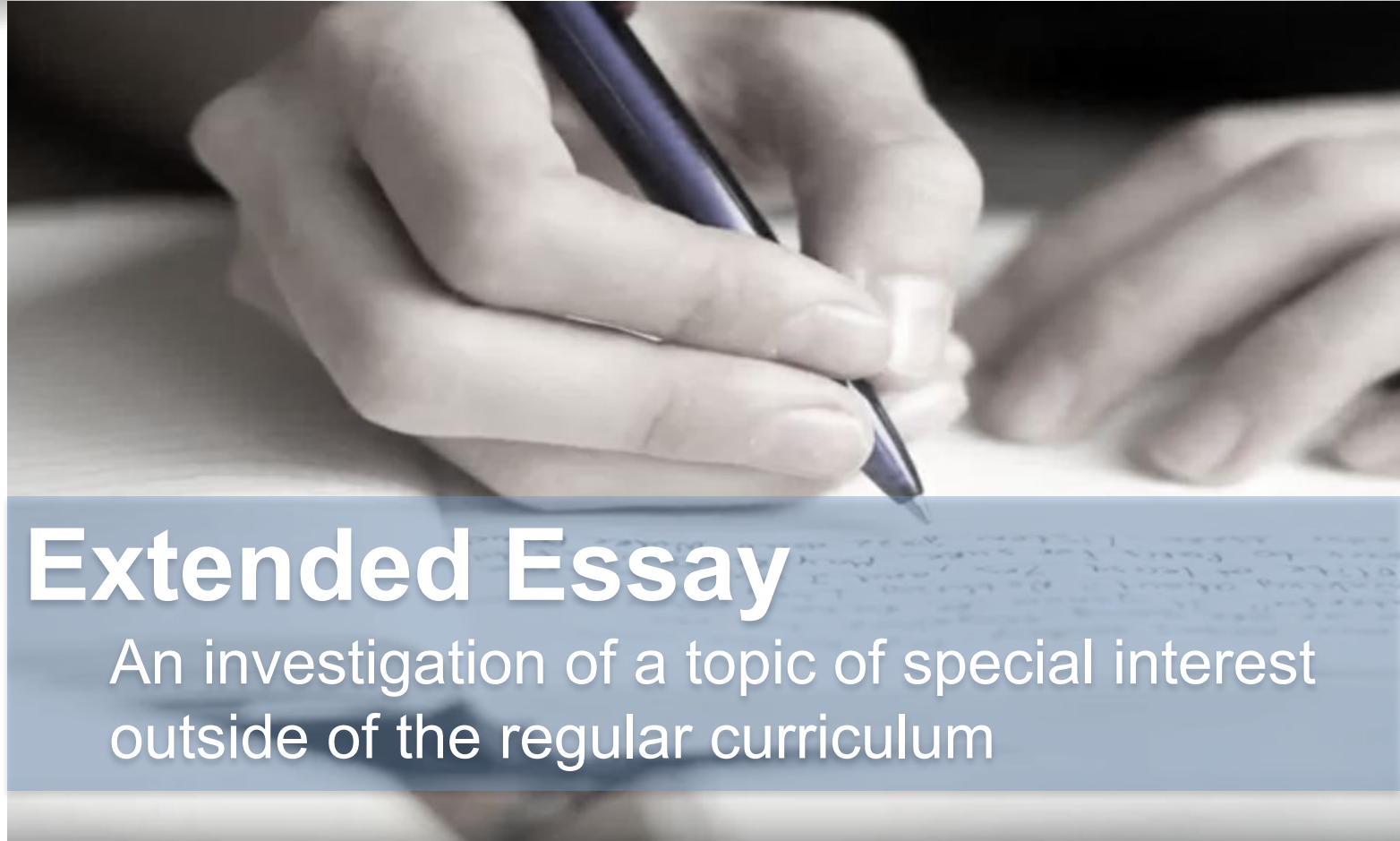
Group 6 *Theatre Arts or Music (SL)

*Group 6 can be substituted with **Biology (SL)** or **Physics (SL)**

NOTE - Student course selections determine what courses will be offered



IB Core Extended Essay



Extended Essay

An investigation of a topic of special interest
outside of the regular curriculum

IB Core Creativity, Activity, Service



- Students engage in a range of enjoyable & significant experiences that foster growth in areas of **Creativity, Activity and Service**.
- While targeting 7 specific learning outcomes, student learn to become more **caring, risk-taking, balanced, and internationally-minded global citizens**.

IB Core Theory of Knowledge

Challenges students to question the **basis of knowledge**, to develop the ability to **analyze** evidence and to **appreciate** a variety of cultural perspectives.



Grade 11 Anticipation Year (DP Year 1)

Semester One

English – HL (Part 1)
Grade 11

Individual and Society – HL (Part 1)
Grade 11 History

Art or Science – SL - (Part 1)
Grade 11 Arts, or Chemistry, or Physics

Math: Analysis & Approaches SL (Part 1)
Grade 12 Advanced Functions

Semester Two

0.5 French – SL / 0.5 ToK (Part 1A)
Grade 11

Science – HL (Part 1)
Grade 11 Chemistry

Art or Science - SL (Part 2)
Grade 12 Arts, or Chemistry, or Physics

Math: Analysis & Approaches SL (Part 2)
Grade 12 Calculus & Vectors

Final IB Exams in the Arts or SL Science Subjects and in Mathematics are usually taken in May of the year.



Grade 12 Diploma Year (DP Year 2)

Semester One

English – HL (Part 2)

Grade 12

**Individual and Society – HL
(Part 2)**

Grade 12 History

Science – HL(Part 2)

Grade 12 Chemistry

**0.5 French – SL / 0.5 ToK
(Part 1B)**

Grade 11

Semester Two

English – HL (Part 3)

Grade 12

**Individual and Society – HL
(Part 3)**

Grade 12 History

Science – HL (Part 3)

Grade 12 Chemistry

French – SL (Part 2)

Grade 12

Remaining final IB exams are taken in May of the graduating year



Timetable Considerations

- Students have a full timetable (Grades 9 to 12)
- Students will have full IB course load in Grade 11 and 12 (8 IB course per year)



IB Programme Fees

\$3,090.00 Total

- \$257.50 in grade 9
 - the grade 9 fee is payable at time of acceptance of offer of admission
- \$360.50 in grade 10
- \$1,236 per year in Grade 11 and Grade 12
- These fees cannot be used as tax deductions

Operating Costs

- Affiliation Fees
- Registration Fees
- Resources and extra course materials
- External Examination Fees
- Incidentals as needed for the Programme



**What do students
think of the
IB Programme?**



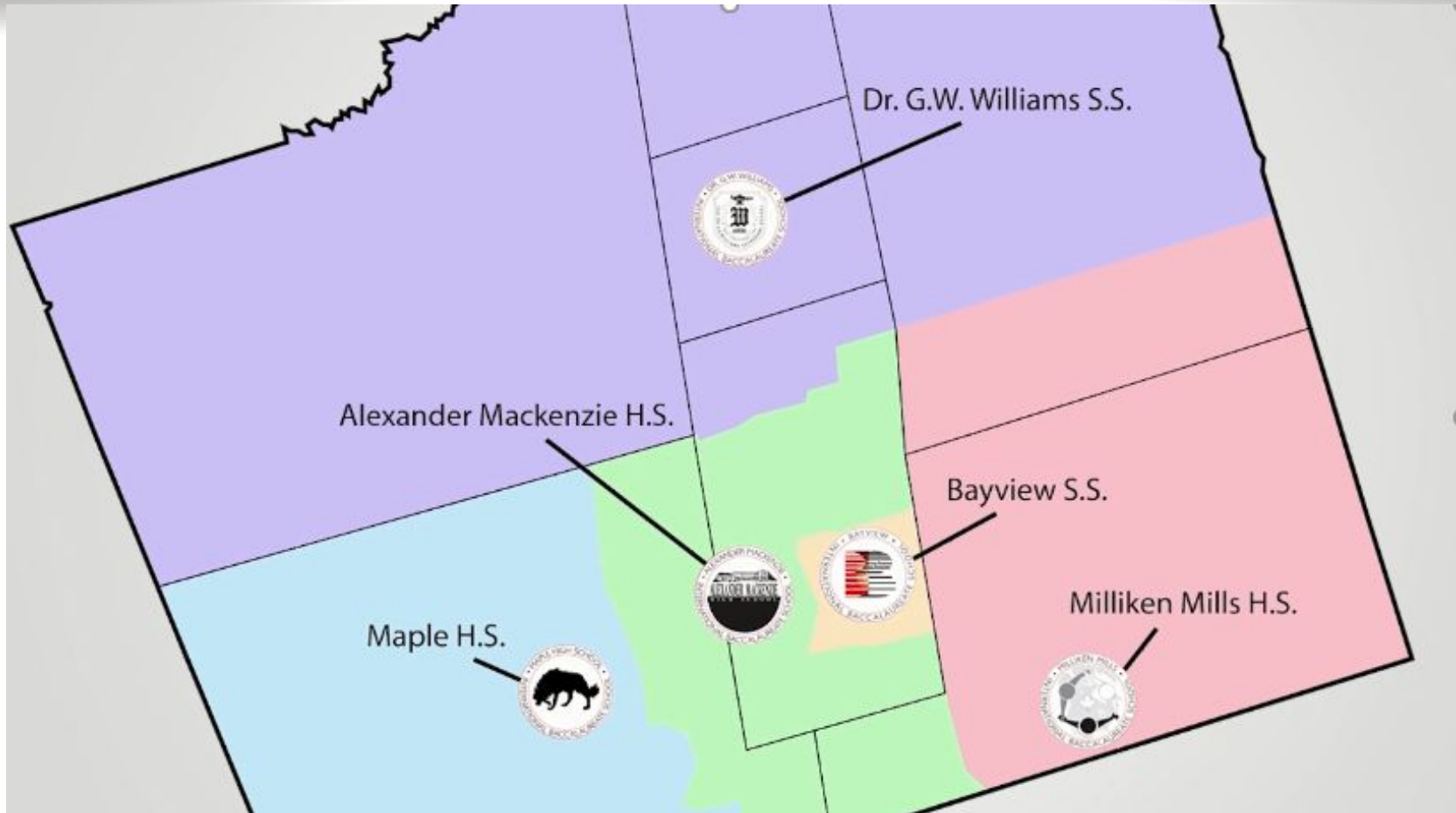
IB York Region District School Board



The YRDSB family of schools offers approximately 500 spaces each year for future IB students.



Applying to IB in York Region District School Board



School Locator



- Visit the YRDSB School Locator
- Enter your current home address to determine your home IB school



The screenshot shows the YRDSB School Locator website. At the top, there are logos for the York Region District School Board and Inspire Learning!, along with navigation links like Careers, Newsroom, Contact Us, Feedback, and BWW Login. A search bar is present with a dropdown menu for 'Staff: --Select an Application--'. Below the navigation bar, a 'You Are Here' breadcrumb trail shows 'Schools'. A left sidebar contains a 'Find A School' menu with options like 'New Schools', 'School Year Calendar', 'Registration', 'Enrolment', 'Child Care and Early Years', 'Student Transportation', 'School Permits', and 'School Councils'. The main content area is titled 'School Locator' and includes instructions for use. Below the instructions is a map of the York Region area, showing various municipalities like Holland Landing, East Gwillimbury, Ansonveldt, Cedar Valley, Newmarket, Bogartown, Schomberg, Pottageville, Kettleby, Aurora, Snowball, Ballantrae, Bloomington, and Bethesda. At the bottom of the map area, there are input fields for 'Street Number', 'Street Name', and 'Municipality' (currently set to 'Aurora'). Below these fields are checkboxes for school types: Elementary, Secondary, IB Candidate School, French Immersion (Elementary), French Immersion (Secondary), and Arts Program (Secondary). A 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the form.




YRDSB School Locator

Check the [YRDSB School Locator](https://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/schoollocator/) to determine your IB Area School (this is the school you will be applying to)








☒  Elementary
 ☒  French Immersion (Elementary)

☒  Secondary
 ☒  French Immersion (Secondary)

☒ **IB** IB School
 ☒  Arts Program (Secondary)

Search

[2019-2020 School Year](#)
[2020-2021 School Year](#)

		Grade	Links
	 Walter Scott Public School 500 MAJOR MACKENZIE DR E, RICHMOND HILL, ON	JK-08	School Profile Boundary Map 
	 Michaelle Jean Public School  320 SHIRLEY DR, RICHMOND HILL, ON	01-03	School Profile Boundary Map 



Eligibility to Apply

- **At the time of application**, the student applicant must live in York Region and within Alexander Mackenzie's IB Boundaries as per YRDSB School Locator.

We are not able to accept applicants from outside of the region.

- A student **currently** enrolled in Grade 8.



Application Components and Timeline

Step 1: Online EDSBY Application Registration

9:00 a.m. Friday, October 13, 2023

to

9:00 a.m. Monday, November 6, 2023

Step 2: Personal Portfolio (Submitted Online)

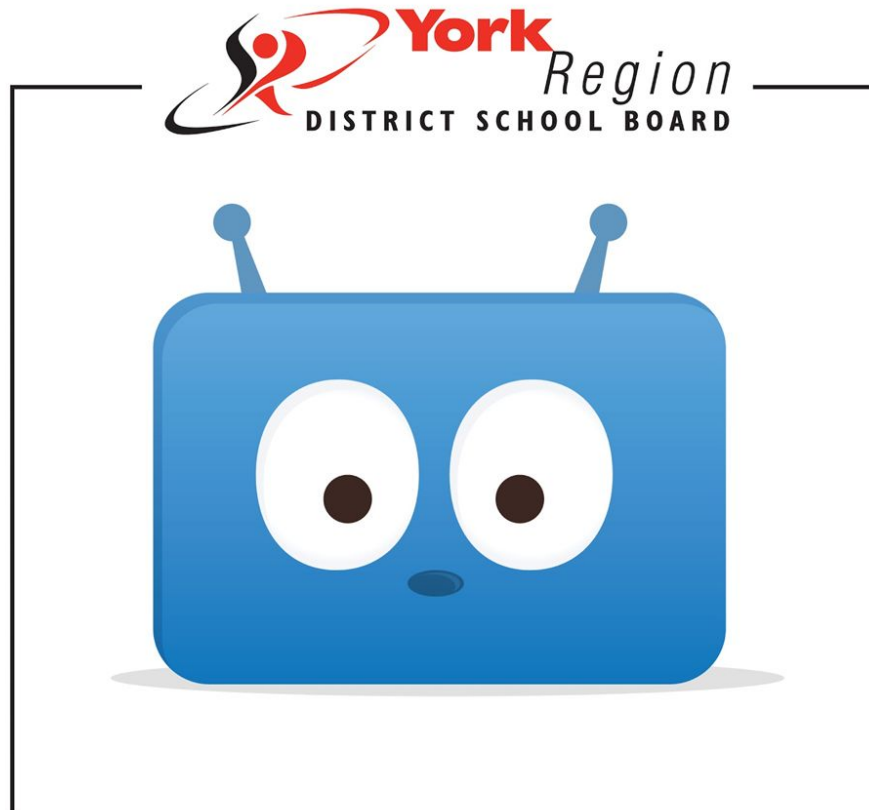
Due Tuesday Nov 14, 2023 at 9 p.m.

Step 3: Assessment Task (In-Person)

Wed Nov 15, 2023 at 6 p.m. or Sat Nov 18, 2023 at 9 a.m.



Step 1: Register through EDSBY



EDSBY

- When you click the **registration tab** to apply for the IB Programme, you will be directed to log into your existing [YRDSB EDSBY](#) account or to CREATE a new EDSBY account if you are NOT currently a YRDSB parent
- Step-by-step instructions for [creating the Edsby account](#) and [registering for the IB admissions process](#) is available on our AMHS IB Programme website



Registration Link Summary

- YRDSB Users can log into [EDSBY](#) as they usually would
- NEW users can find the link to create an **EDSBY** account (and corresponding instruction) at:

Alexander Mackenzie High School Website [IB Programme Tab](#)

Registration link will be available tomorrow on AMHS school website

Friday, October 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



The Online EDSBY Application

OCTOBER 2023						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NOVEMBER 2023						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Opens: 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023

Closes 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023



Application Fee

- There is a \$40 non-refundable application fee
- VISA, Mastercard, American Express, or Paypal

Opens: 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023

Closes 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023



Selection of Assessment Time

- During the EDSBY application process, applicants will select an assessment day and time.
- On the application, you will have the opportunity to select the date and time of your assessment.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

EVENING 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

OR

Saturday, November 18, 2023

MORNING 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.



The assessments will be held in-person at **AMHS**

Step 2: Personal Portfolio

- The Personal Portfolio is an opportunity for students to tell us about themselves
- Students are asked to think about the life experiences that they have had and to choose **three (3)** artifacts that represent how these life experiences have shaped them as individuals
- For **each of the 3** artifact students should, in 75 words or less:
 - **Explain what they have learned about themselves from the experience and explain how they can apply this learning in the future**



Step 2: Personal Portfolio: Artifacts

For the purpose of this task, **an artifact is a visual or graphic representation of an experience.**

Examples of experiences may include:

- a life event
- a responsibility you have taken
- a community event
- an initiative you have demonstrated
- the practice of a tradition
- a personal accomplishment
- participation in an activity
- involvement in the creation of something



Personal Portfolio: Purpose

- The portfolio provides an opportunity for applicants to share something about themselves
- When you are deciding what to include, select experiences/artifacts that are meaningful to **YOU**
- This is a **PERSONAL** Portfolio
 - We are hoping to learn about the applicant
 - To help us do this, we expect students to work independently and be honest



Personal Portfolio: Next Steps

- For now, students can think about what experiences they would like to include, and how they might want to represent the experience as artifacts
- Information about submitting the Personal Portfolio will be sent to the **student's email address after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023**
 - For **YRDSB** students this address will be their YRDSB **GAPPS** account
 - For students who are not currently in the YRDSB system, the email will be sent to the student email address entered on the EDSBY application form



Personal Portfolio: Formatting and Submission

- In the email you will receive:
 - A reminder of the instructions for completing the Personal Portfolio
 - A template for formatting the Personal Portfolio as a **Google Slide presentation**
 - Instructions about how to submit your finished Personal Portfolio through a Google Form

The submission due date is:

9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023



Personal Portfolio: Tips

- We encourage students to consider the guiding questions and consider their responses carefully
- Remember to review the template for tips on how to format each slide
- Once it is submitted, students will not be able to edit the content

Submit by: 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023



Step 3: Assessment Tasks (In-Person)

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Assessment Tasks

- During the assessment task, the teacher will share a prompt (e.g. a picture or a quotation)
- Students will have **40 minutes** to plan, write and edit their response to the prompt.
- Students will complete the task using pen/pencil and paper.
- The student response should be written in full sentences and organized in paragraph form
- Students' responses will be assessed for both the ideas and the clear communication of those ideas

Assessment Day Logistics

- Students are required to bring:
 - Pens or pencils (whichever you prefer)
- Student should **not** bring:
 - Dictionaries
 - Recording Devices
- All personal electronic devices must be put away and should not be brought to work tables
- It is not necessary to study or prepare for this assessment task. We do not encourage or endorse any tutors or tutoring companies



Assessment Day

- Please remember to arrive early
- Only students will be allowed to enter the building
- Staff and Ambassadors will be ready to help direct students



Assessment Accommodations

If you have an IEP
and require assessment accommodations,
PRIOR TO REGISTERING
please fill out the form posted on school website
under IB Programme or [here](#).

AMHS IB Intake - IEP

If your child has IEP and applying to our IB program, please fill out the information on this google form.

Thank you.

benjamin.law@gapps.yrdsb.ca [Switch account](#)

* Indicates required question



Admissions Decisions

- Offers of acceptance will be sent out mid-January
- Offers of acceptance will be sent to the parent/guardian email
 - During the online application, please ensure you provide an **active email account**
 - Be sure to check your junk folder/spam filters
- Individual results and/or standing will not be released
- Submitting an application indicates that you understand and will adhere to this policy



Our current and former AMHS students' voice about the IB Programme at AMHS (6:48)



Orlando

AMHS IB Graduate 2024

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Thank You!

We look forward to seeing your
Edsby Application.

Application opens October 13th
at 9 a.m. and closes November
6th at 9 a.m. Application link
available on our AMHS IB
Website.

Any Additional
Questions?

bit.ly/questionsibamhs

We will summarize the
answers of your
questions once you fill
out this form.