

# 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



**Krista Luks**  
Principal and  
Head of School



**Themis Drekolias**  
Vice Principal



**Helen Ho**  
Vice Principal

# IB Administrative Team

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*Principal & IB Head of School*

**Themi Drekolias**

*Vice-Principal*

**Helen Ho**

*Vice-Principal*

**Benjamin Law**

*IB Diploma Coordinator*

**John Daides**

*Head of Guidance  
CAS Coordinator*



# Tonight's Presentation Will Be Made Available On Our AMHS IB Programme Website on October 12

Secondary  
**Alexander Mackenzie High School**

Staff: --Select an Application--  
Students: --Select an Application--

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## Application and Admissions

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# 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 (4min)



# 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 (including 1 tech course)



■ *Arts*

■ *Computer Studies*

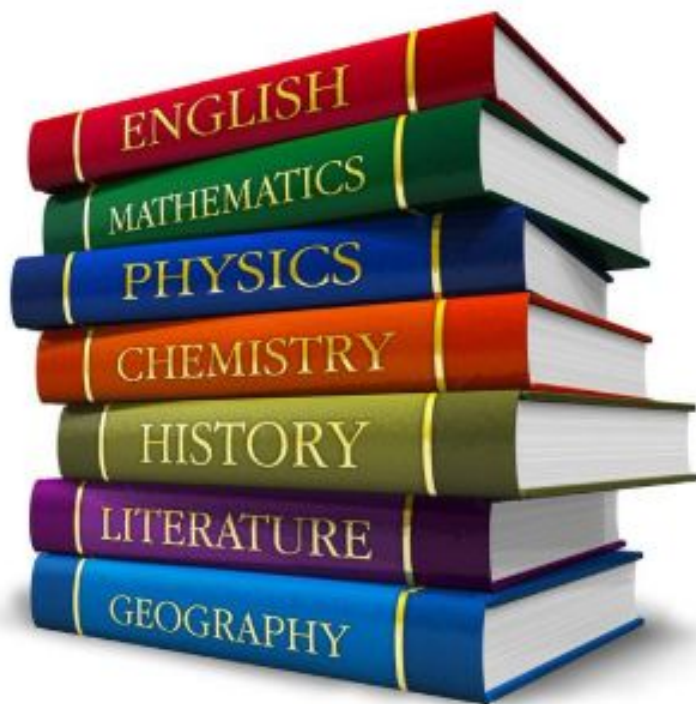
■ *Technology*

■ *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 Programme Course of Study

**Group 1 English (HL)**

**Group 2 French (SL)**

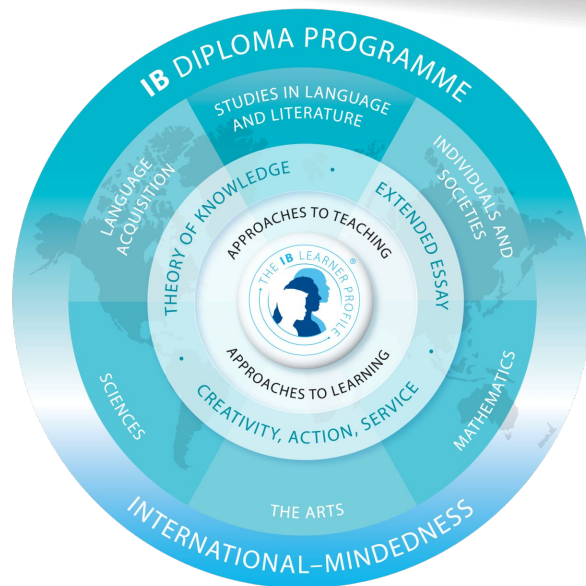
**Group 3 History (HL) \***

**Group 4 Chemistry (HL)**

**Group 5 Mathematics(SL)**

**Group 6 Theatre Arts or Music (SL) or Biology (SL) or Physics (SL)**

**NOTE - Student course selections determine what courses will be offered**



**\* More options for Group 3 may be available when your child starts Gr. 11 IB**



# IB Diploma Overview

## Students take:

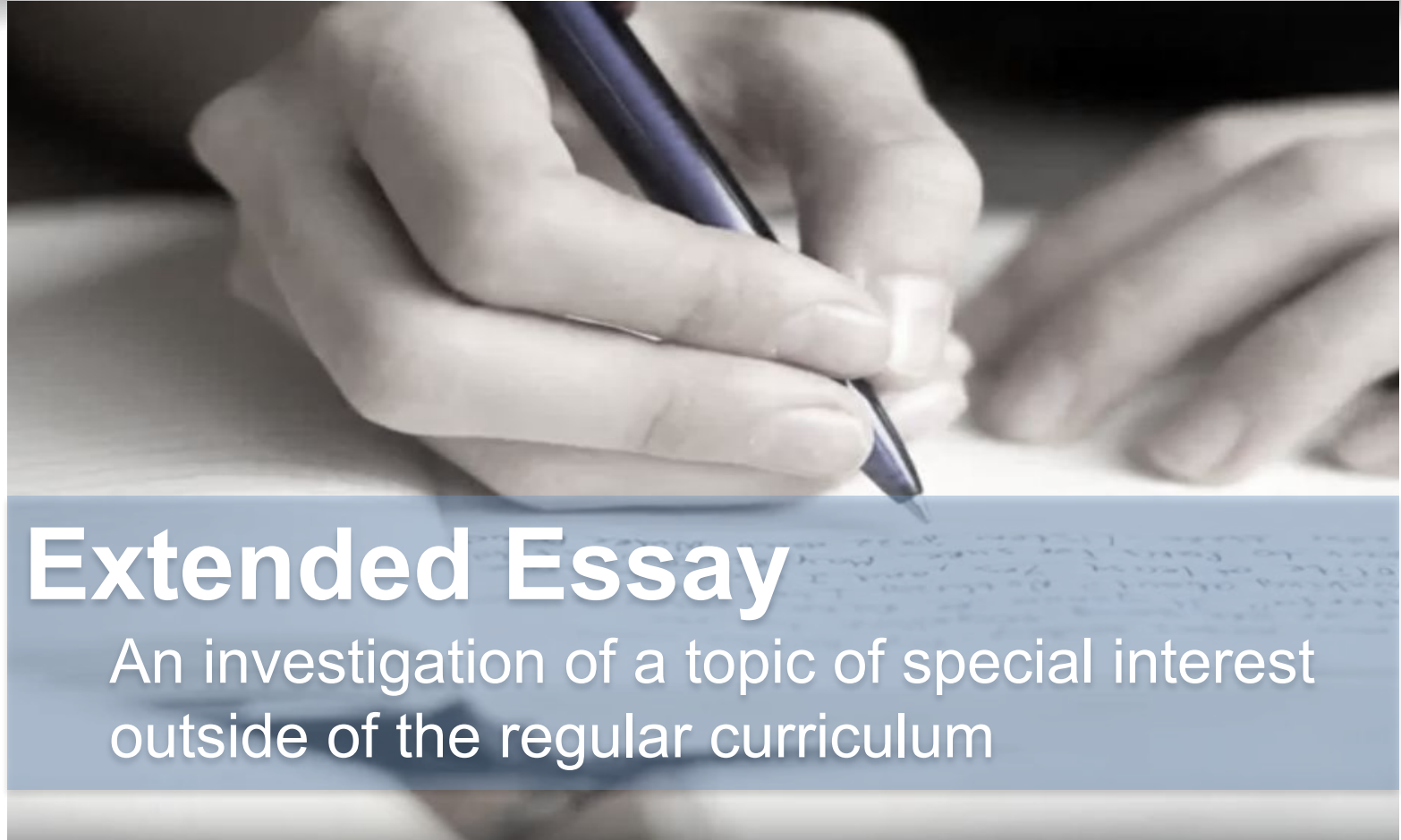
- 3 subjects at the **HL** level
- 3 subjects at the **SL** Level

## Complete the IB Core:

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



# IB Core Extended Essay



# 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 1/3)**  
Grade 11

**Individual and Society – HL (Part 1/3)**  
Grade 11 History

**Art or Science – SL - (Part 1/2)**  
Grade 11 Arts, or Chemistry, or Physics

**Math: Analysis & Approaches SL (Part 1/2)**  
Grade 12 Advanced Functions

## Semester Two

**0.5 French – SL / 0.5 ToK**  
Grade 11

**Science – HL (Part 1/3)**  
Grade 11 Chemistry

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

**Math: Analysis & Approaches SL (Part 2/2)**  
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.



Students will earn **3** Ontario Gr. 12 credits by the end of Gr. 11





# Grade 12 Diploma Year (DP Year 2)

## Semester One

**English – HL (Part 2/3)**

Grade 12

**Individual and Society – HL (Part 2/3)**

Grade 12 History

**Science – HL (Part 2/3)**

Grade 12 Chemistry

**0.5 French – SL / 0.5 ToK**

Grade 11

## Semester Two

**English – HL (Part 3/3)**

Grade 12

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

Grade 12 History

**Science – HL (Part 3/3)**

Grade 12 Chemistry

**French – SL (Part 2/2)**

Grade 12

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



**Students will earn another 7 Ontario Gr. 12 credits by the end of Gr. 12**



# Timetable Considerations

- Students will have a full timetable in Grades 9 and 10 (8 courses per year)
- English, Math, French, History and Science are offered at preparatory level.
- Tech, Phy Ed, Geography, the Arts, Civics and Career are not IB streamed.
- Students will have full IB course load in Grade 11 and 12 (8 IB course per year)



# IB Programme Fees

## **\$3,090.50 Total**

- \$258 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



# Students' Voice About IB Programme (8:33)



# IB York Region District School Board

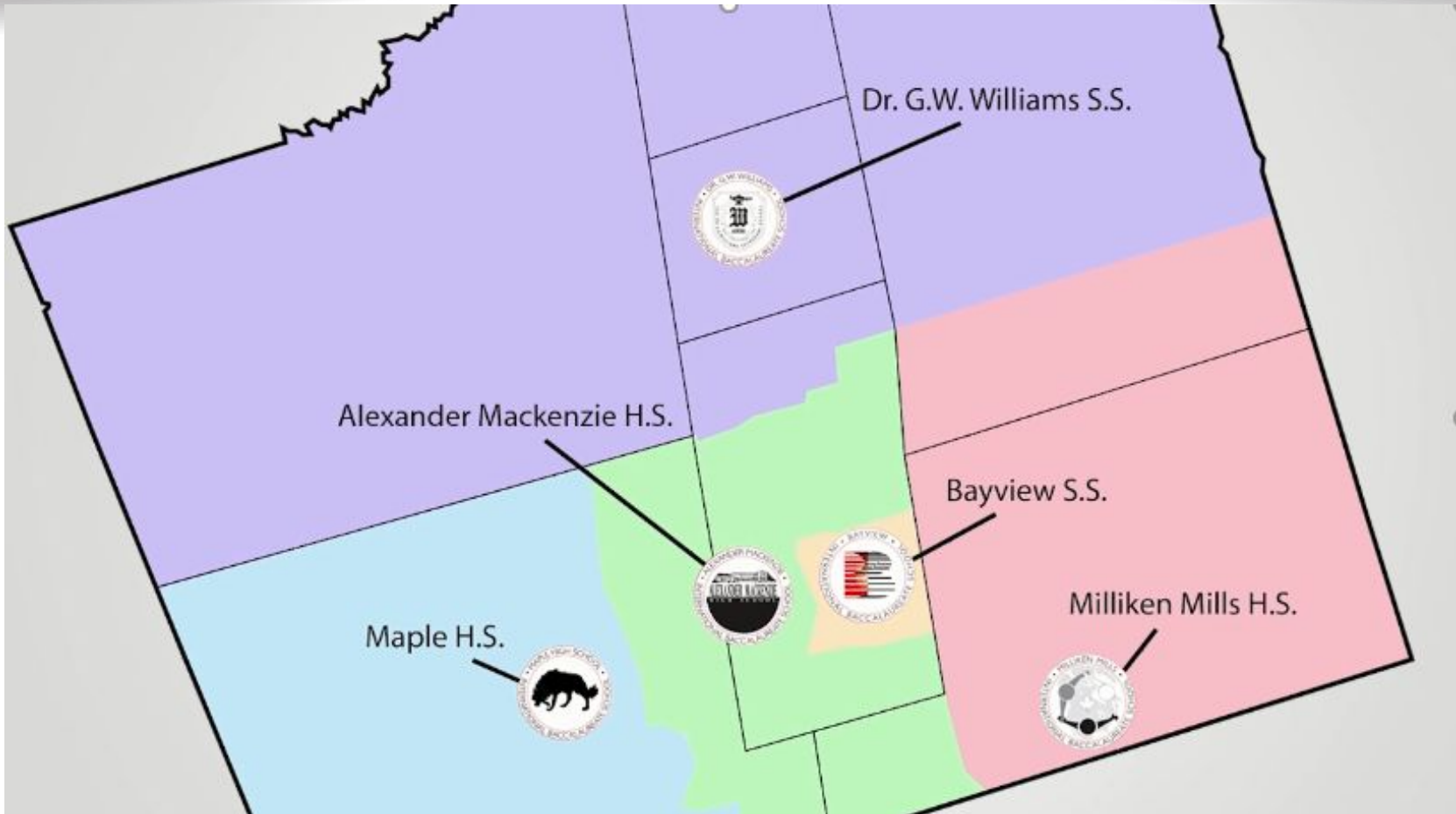


The YRDSB family of schools offers approximately 500 spaces each year for future IB students.







# Applying to IB in York Region District School Board




# YRDSB School Locator


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


☒  Elementary

☒  Secondary

☒ **IB** IB School







☒  French Immersion (Elementary)

☒  French Immersion (Secondary)

☒  Arts Program (Secondary)

[2019-2020 School Year](#)

[2020-2021 School Year](#)

		Grade	Links
	 <b>Walter Scott Public School</b> 500 MAJOR MACKENZIE DR E, RICHMOND HILL, ON	JK-08	<a href="#">School Profile</a> <a href="#">Boundary Map</a> 
	 <b>Michaelle Jean Public School</b>  320 SHIRLEY DR, RICHMOND HILL, ON	01-03	<a href="#">School Profile</a> <a href="#">Boundary Map</a> 



<https://schoollocator.yrdsb.ca/>



# 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 11, 2024

to

9:00 a.m. Monday, November 4, 2024

## **Step 2:** Personal Portfolio (Submitted Online)

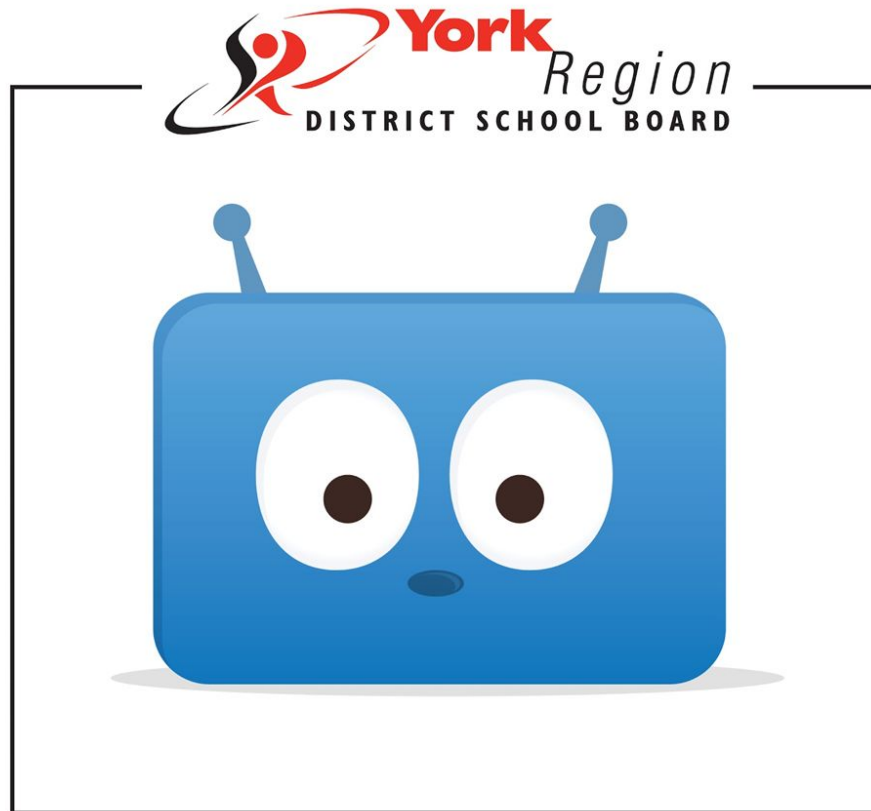
Due Tuesday Nov 12, 2024 at 9 p.m.

## **Step 3:** Assessment Task (In-Person)

Wed Nov 13, 2024 at 6 p.m. or Sat Nov 16, 2024 at 9 a.m.



# Step 1: Register through EDSBY



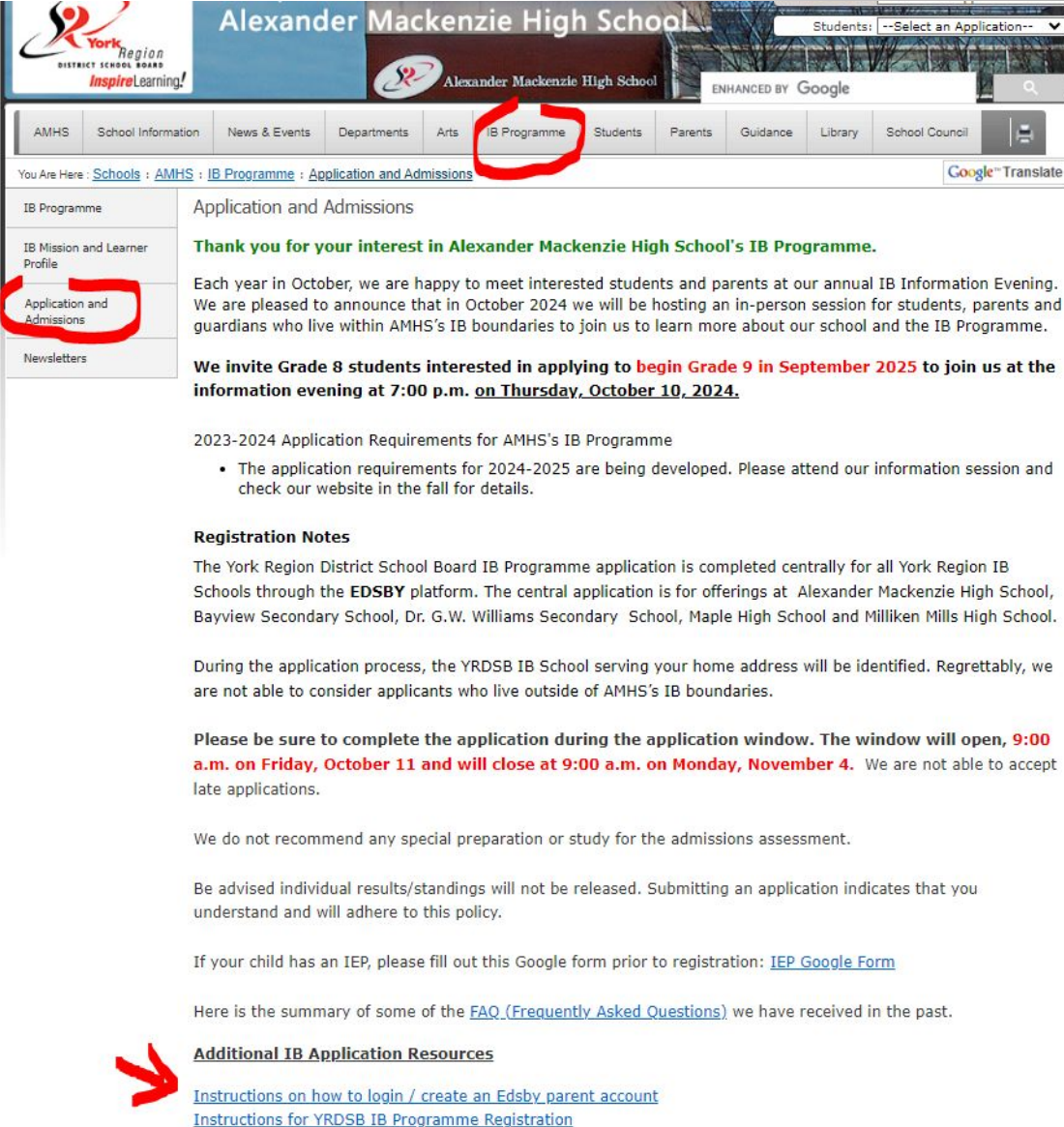


- When you click the **registration tab** to apply for the IB Programme, you will be directed to log into your existing [YRDSB EDSBY](#) account or to CREATE a new EDSBY account if you are NOT currently a YRDSB parent



# EDSBY - instructions

- Step-by-step instructions for [creating the Edsby account](#) and [registering for the IB admissions process](#) is available on our AMHS IB Programme website



The screenshot displays the Alexander Mackenzie High School website. The header includes the York Region District School Board logo and the school's name. A navigation menu at the top lists various sections, with 'IB Programme' highlighted by a red circle. Below the menu, a sidebar on the left contains links to 'IB Programme', 'IB Mission and Learner Profile', 'Application and Admissions' (highlighted with a red circle), and 'Newsletters'. The main content area is titled 'Application and Admissions' and contains the following text:

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**Please be sure to complete the application during the application window. The window will open, 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 11 and will close at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 4.** We are not able to accept late applications.

We do not recommend any special preparation or study for the admissions assessment.


Be advised individual results/standings will not be released. Submitting an application indicates that you understand and will adhere to this policy.

If your child has an IEP, please fill out this Google form prior to registration: [IEP Google Form](#)

Here is the summary of some of the [FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\)](#) we have received in the past.

**Additional IB Application Resources**

[Instructions on how to login / create an Edsby parent account](#)  
[Instructions for YRDSB IB Programme Registration](#)



# 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 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**



# The Online EDSBY Application

OCTOBER 2024						
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 2024						
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 11, 2024**

**Closes 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 4, 2024**



# Application Fee

- There is a \$40 non-refundable application fee
- This can be paid via Paypal

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# 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 13, 2024

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

**OR**

Saturday, November 16, 2024

**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 5, 2024**
  - 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 12, 2024**



# 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 12, 2024**





# 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 student volunteers will be ready to help direct students



# Assessment Accommodations

If your child has an IEP  
and require assessment accommodations,  
**PRIOR TO REGISTERING**  
please fill out the form posted on AMHS school  
website under IB Programme or [here](#). (Need to request  
access if your child is coming from NON-YRDSB school.)



## 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 to parent/guardian Email in mid-December**
  - 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
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# Our current and former AMHS students' voice about the IB Programme at AMHS





# Contact Information for all 5 IB schools in YRDSB



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# Thank You!

**We look forward to seeing  
your Edsby Application.**

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11th at 9 a.m. and closes  
November 4th at 9 a.m.  
Application link available  
on our [AMHS IB Website](#).