

# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME INFORMATION PRESENTATION



# Land Acknowledgement

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 have been 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 who are our closest neighbours and partners 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.



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# Agenda

- Overview of the IB Programme (video module)
- Overview of the IB Programme at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School
- A Student Perspective - let's hear from our current 9s, 10s, 11s, & 12s!
- The Application Process
  - School Locator, Eligibility and Application Window
  - Application Components
- Using EDSBY and 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**

**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
- Theory of Knowledge
- Creativity, Activity and Service





# GWW's Course of Study

**Group 1** English

**Group 2** French

**Group 3** Business *or* Psychology *or* History

**Group 4** Chemistry *or* Biology *or* Physics *or* Computer Science

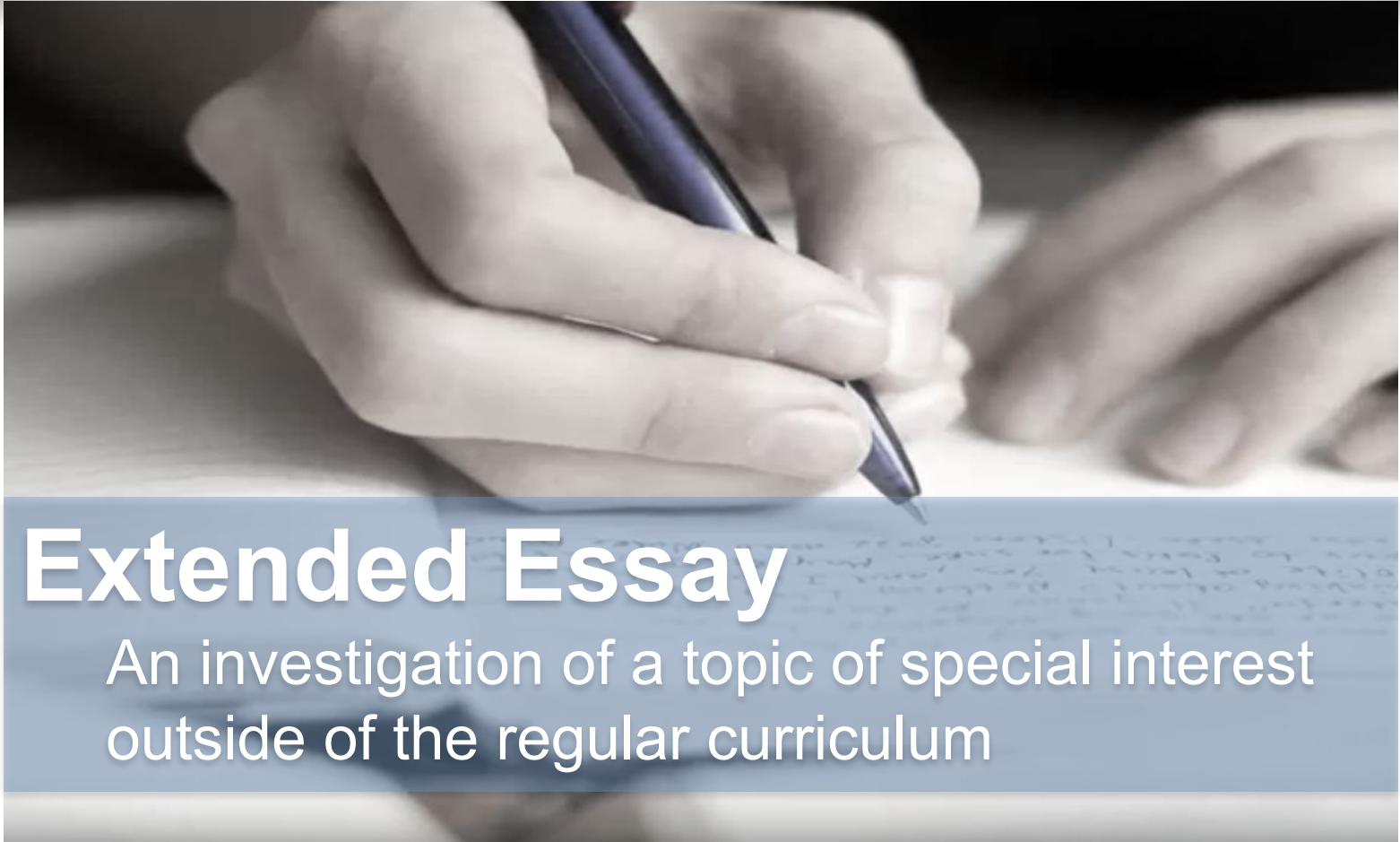
**Group 5** Mathematics

**Group 6** Visual Arts

\*Group 6 can be substituted with **another course from one other group**\*

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





## Extended Essay

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

# Theory of Knowledge

Challenges students to question the basis of knowledge, to develop the ability to analyze evidence and to appreciate other cultural perspectives



# 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

What our IB students want grade 8 students to know

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





# IB Learner Profile



# What do the students think?

## Reflections on personal experiences in GWW's IB Programme from our students



# GRADE 9 Preparing for the Diploma Programme

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

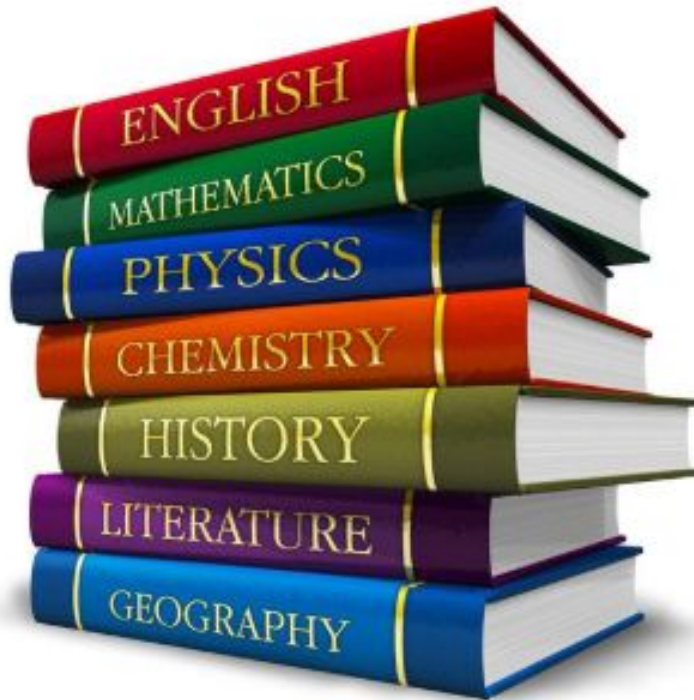


■ *Arts*      ■ *Computer Studies*      ■ *Technology*  
■ *Business*      ■ *Family Studies*





# Grade 10 Preparing for the Diploma Years



- English
- French
- Science
- History
- Mathematics (2 credits)
- Civics and Careers
- 1 Optional Course

# Grade 11 Anticipation Year

## Semester One

**English – HL**  
Grade 11

**Optional – HL**  
Grade 11 Chemistry or Biology or  
Business or Psychology or History

**Art or Science – SL**  
Grade 11 Visual Arts, or Chemistry, or  
Biology, or Physics

**Maths: Analysis & Approaches SL**  
Grade 12 Advanced Functions

## Semester Two

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

**Individuals and Society – HL**  
Grade 11 Business or Psychology or  
History

**Art or Science - SL**  
Grade 12 Visual Arts, or Chemistry,  
or Biology, or Physics

**Maths: Analysis & Approaches SL**  
Grade 12 Advanced Functions

**Final IB Exams in one SL Subject and in Mathematics are  
taken in May of this year.**



# Grade 12 Diploma Year

## Semester One

**English – HL**

Grade 12

**Individuals and Society – HL**

Grade 12 Business or Psychology

**Optional – HL**

Grade 12 Chemistry or Biology or  
Business or Psychology or History

**0.5 French – SL / 0.5 ToK**

Grade 11

## Semester Two

**English – HL**

Grade 12

**Individuals and Society – HL**

Grade 12 Business or Psychology

**Optional – HL**

Grade 12 Chemistry or Biology or  
Business or Psychology or History

**French – SL**

Grade 12 University

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



# Timetable Considerations

- Students have a full timetable
- Students do not have space in their timetable for spares or non-IB courses
- Students are able to take two sciences
  - All 3 sciences are offered in summer school



# IB Programme Fees

## \$3,090 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 (paid in March of Grade 9 year)
- \$1,236 per year in both Grade 11 and Grade 12  
(paid by installment in March, April and May of Grade 10 & 11 years)
- These fees cannot be used as tax deductions

## Operating Costs

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



# IB Programmes in YRDSB



# IB York Region District School Board

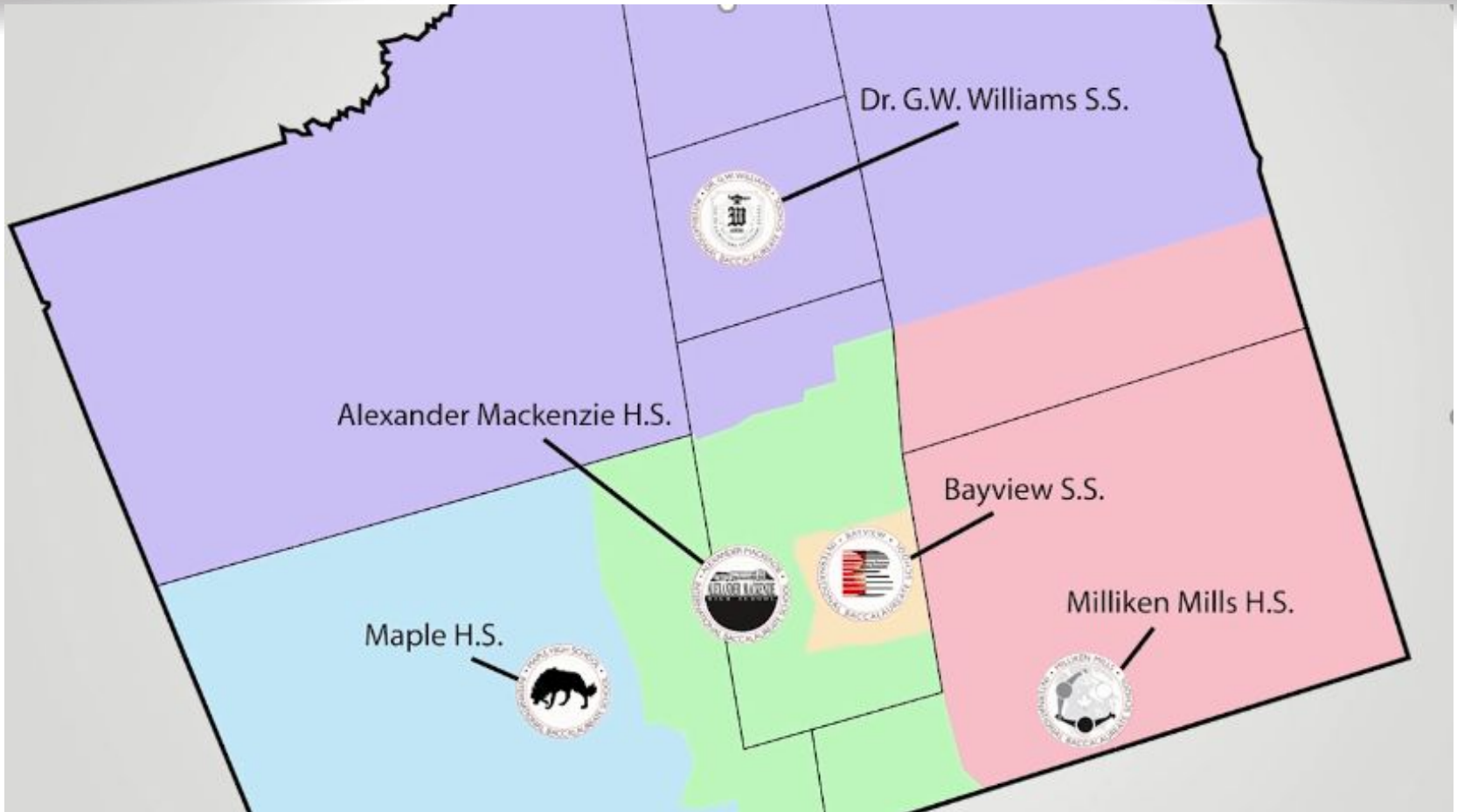


The YRDSB family of schools offers approximately 580 spaces each year for future IB students.





# Applying to IB in York Region District School Board





# School Locator

- Visit the YRDSB School Locator
- Enter your current home address to determine which schools serve your home

The screenshot shows the YRDSB School Locator website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the YRDSB logo, 'Inspire Learning!' tagline, and links for Careers, Newsroom, Contact Us, Feedback, and BWW Login. A search bar is present with a dropdown for 'Staff: --Select an Application--'. Below this is a main navigation menu with links: Home, About Us, Board of Trustees, Schools, Programs & Services, Students, Parents, and Community. A 'You Are Here: Schools' breadcrumb is shown. On the left, a sidebar lists various services: Find A School, 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 using the form. Below the instructions is a map of the Region of York area, showing various municipalities like Holland Landing, East Gwillimbury, Ansonveldt, Cedar Valley, Schomberg, Pottageville, Kettleby, Newmarket, Bogartown, Aurora, Bloomington, and Bethesda. At the bottom of the form, there are input fields for 'Street Number', 'Street Name', and 'Municipality' (currently set to 'Aurora'). A 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the form. Below the form, there's a 'Please note:' section with two bullet points.

**School Locator**  
Locate YRDSB schools for your address by entering the Street Number and Street Name in the form below.

**Instructions**

- Enter the street number separately from the street name (\* both fields require a value).
- Begin typing the street name to see matching entries.
- Choose your street from the dropdown list.
- The municipality will automatically populate.

Updated September 5, 2017

Map view: Road | Bird's eye

Street Number \*    Street Name \*    Municipality: Aurora

Begin typing, and choose from dropdown listing


☒ Elementary    ☒ French Immersion (Elementary)  
☒ Secondary    ☒ French Immersion (Secondary)  
☒ IB IB Candidate School    ☒ Arts Program (Secondary)


Search




# School Year on School Locator


Check the **YRDSB School Locator**  
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> 

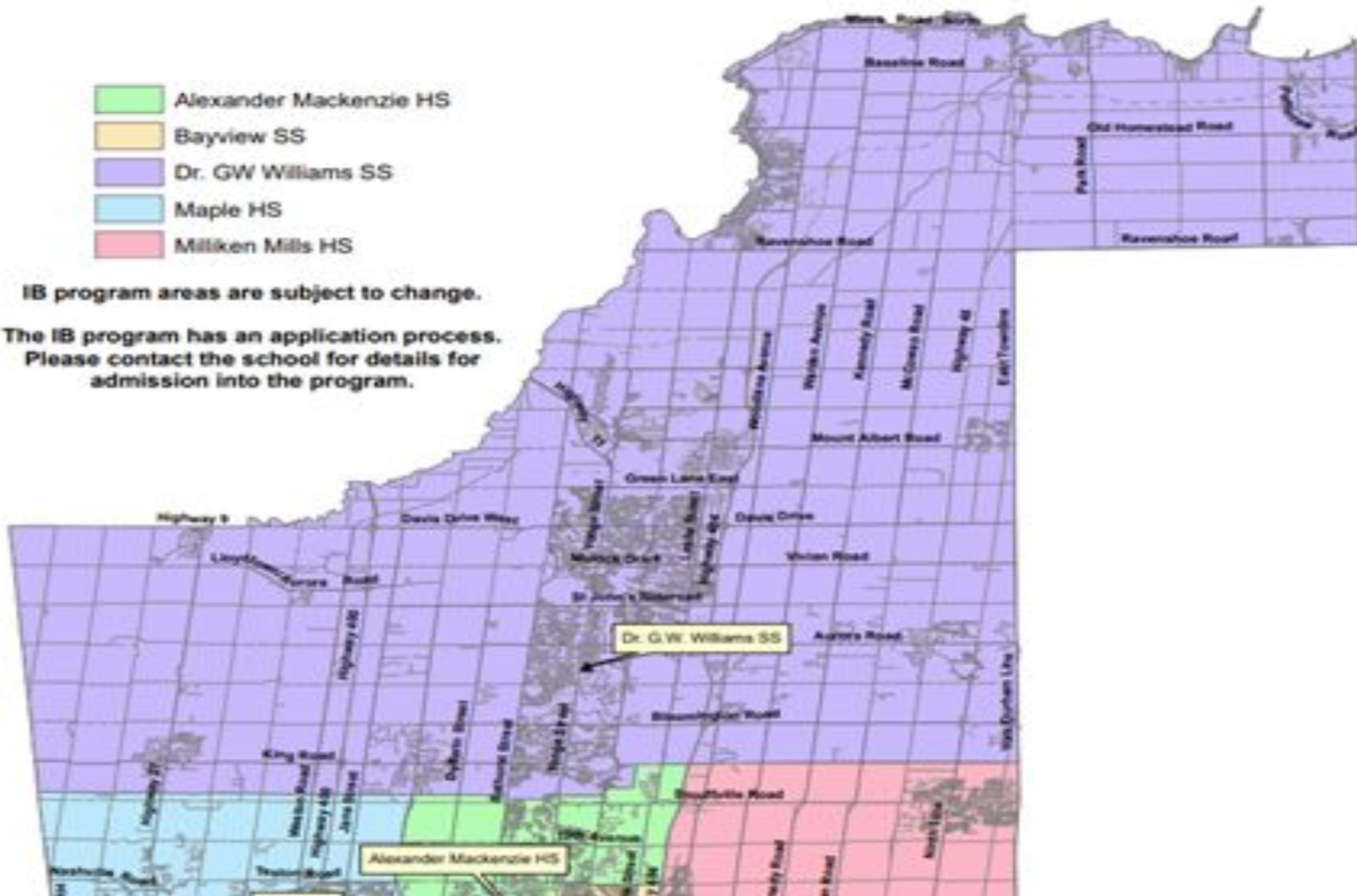


# Map

- Alexander Mackenzie HS
- Bayview SS
- Dr. GW Williams SS
- Maple HS
- Milliken Mills HS

IB program areas are subject to change.

The IB program has an application process.  
Please contact the school for details for  
admission into the program.

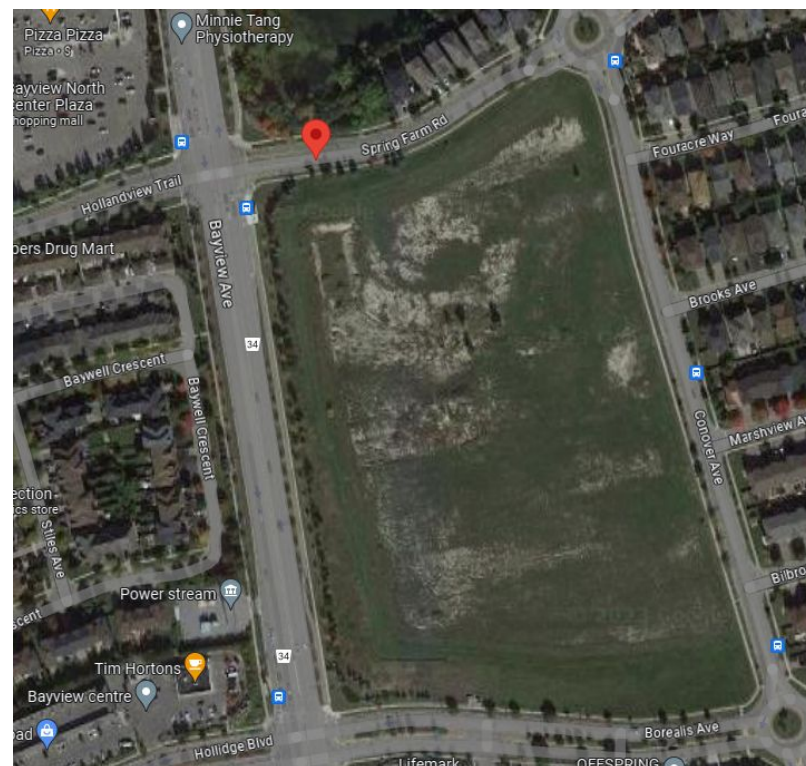




# Dr. G.W. Williams is Moving in 2025!



## 11 Spring Farm Road, Aurora



# Eligibility to Apply

- **At the time of application**, live in York Region and within The Dr. G. W. Williams' IB Boundaries

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

- Be a student currently in Grade 8



# Application Components

Step 1: Online EDSBY Application Registration

9:00 a.m. Friday, October 13 to 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 6

Step 3: Personal Portfolio (submitted online)

Step 4: Assessment Task (in-person)



# The Online Application

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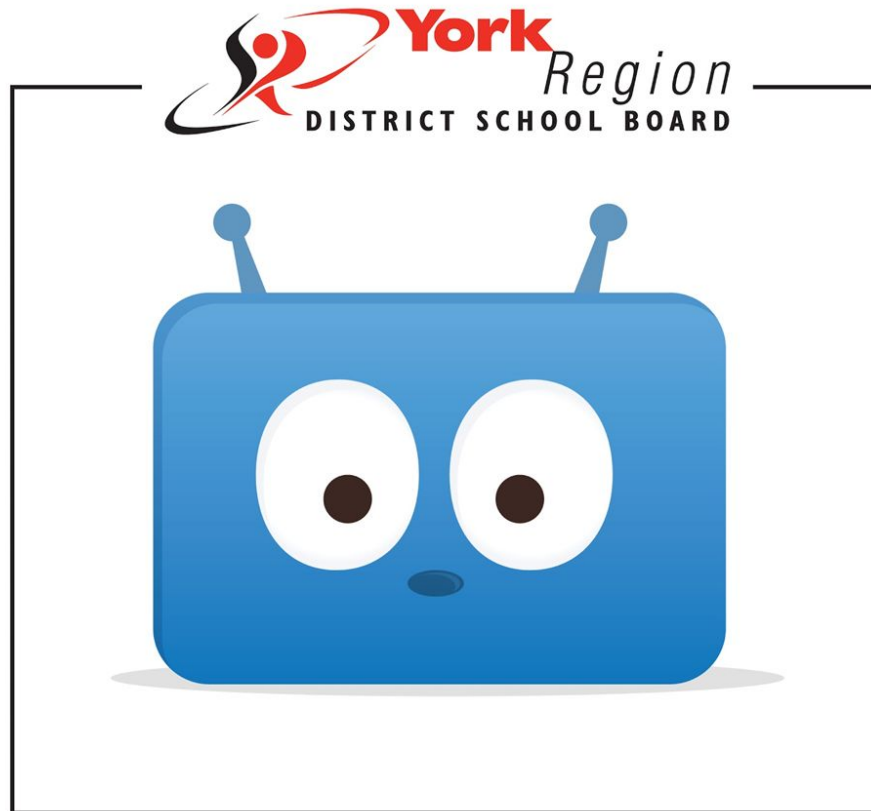
NOVEMBER 2023						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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

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



# Step 1: Register through EDSBY





# Selection of Assessment Time

On the EDSBY application, you will have the opportunity to select the **date** and **time** of your assessment task

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

- EVENING 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

**OR**

Saturday, November 18, 2023

- MORNING 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.



# 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



## Step 2: 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 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**



# Portfolio Details

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



# 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 honestly



# Personal Portfolio Next Steps

- For now, students can think about what experiences they would like to include, and how they might want to represent them as artifacts
- Information about submitting the Portfolio will be sent to the student's email address **after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 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



# Formatting and Submitting the Portfolio

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

The submission due date is:

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



# Portfolio Tips

- We encourage students to consider the guiding prompt 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. Tuesday, November 14, 2023**





## Step 3: Assessment Task (In Person)

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. - 7:15 p.m.

**OR**

Saturday, November 18, 2023

MORNING 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.



The assessment will be hosted in person at Dr. G.W. Williams S.S.



# The Assessment Task

- 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
- The student response should be written in full sentences and organized in paragraph form
- Student 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 you



# Assessment Accommodations

If you have an IEP  
and require assessment accommodations,  
**PRIOR TO REGISTERING**  
please contact

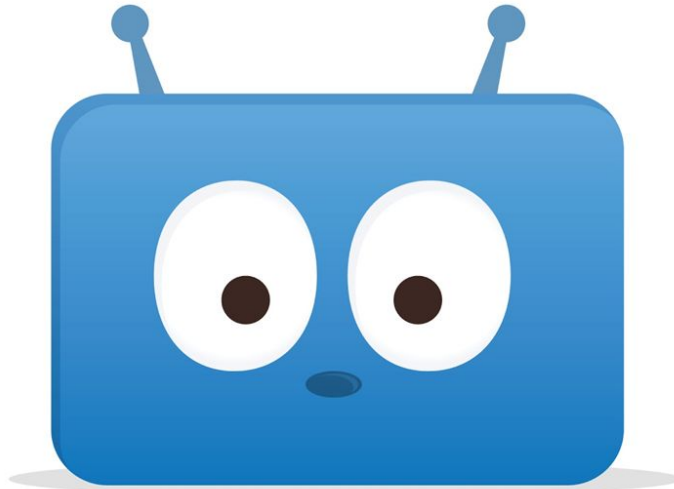
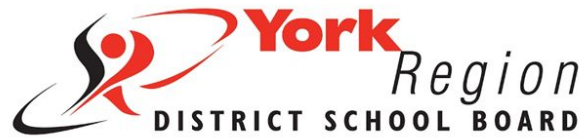
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# Admissions Decisions

- Offers of acceptance will be sent out by 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



# 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.
- There will be step-by-step instructions available to help you create the account and register for the IB admissions process.



# EDSBY... Continued

If you **do not have an account** because you are not currently a YRDSB parent

Please follow the link provided on the YRDSB or school IB web page and **create a new account** when prompted and then complete 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 at:  
Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School Website **IB Tab**  
**OR**  
YRDSB Website **IB Applications & Assessment Tab**

**Link will be available tomorrow,  
Friday, October 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**



# Application Steps

## STEP 1



**Complete EDSBY  
Registration  
Campaign**

**Friday, October 13  
@ 9:00 a.m.**

**to**

**Monday, November 7  
@ 9:00 a.m.**



## STEP 2



Students receive  
Personal Portfolio  
information email by  
**Tuesday, November 8  
@ 4:00 p.m.**

All students must  
submit Portfolio via  
Google Form link by

**Tuesday, November 14  
@ 9:00 p.m.**



## STEP 3



Students participate  
in an in-person  
assessment on  
either:

**Wednesday,  
November 15  
@ 6:00 p.m.**

**OR**

**Saturday, November  
18  
@ 9 a.m.**



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# Q&A

- Please visit our FAQ link for answers to most questions
- Contact your site coordinator for case specific or personal questions



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