

DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD POLICY / REGULATIONS

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Subject:	Admissions
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A) DUFFERIN-PEEL RESIDENT STUDENTS -

Elementary Schools

- i) Where Junior Kindergartens are in operation, students shall be admitted to Junior Kindergarten in September of any school year provided that they reach the age of four on, or before, December 31, in that same calendar year.
- ii) Students shall be admitted to Kindergarten in September of any school year provided that they reach the age of five on, or before, December 31, in that same calendar year.
- iii) Students shall be admitted to Grade 1 in September of any school year, provided that they reach the age of six on, or before, December 31, in that same calendar year.
- iv) No child shall be admitted to schools unless parent(s)/guardian(s) are Separate School Supporters.
- v) When a child is registered for the first time in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, the school principal must verify the parent's(s)/guardian's(s) proof of baptism in, or reception into, the Roman Catholic or Catholic of the Greek or Ukrainian or other Eastern Rites in union with the See of Rome.
- vi) In the event neither parent/guardian is qualified to be a separate school supporter, children who can show Catholic Baptismal Certificates, or reception into the Roman Catholic Church, shall be admitted.

B) DUFFERIN-PEEL RESIDENT STUDENTS -

Secondary Schools

The policy of "open access" means that pupils of all faiths may attend Catholic secondary schools, with the understanding that they respect the environment and traditions of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic system.

A pupil shall be admitted if:

- i) the pupil and the parent(s)/guardian(s) is resident in the Dufferin-Peel jurisdiction, and
- ii) the pupil and the parent(s)/guardian(s) is a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.

C) NON-DUFFERIN-PEEL STUDENTS -

Elementary and Secondary Schools

Where a school principal certifies that there is sufficient accommodation for the pupil, the school principal must:

- i) determine the priority criteria for admission, as determined by the General Administrative Procedures (i.e. GAP 105.07);
- ii) verify proof of Catholic baptism in, OR reception into, the Roman Catholic or Catholic of the Greek or Ukrainian or other Eastern Rites in union with the See of Rome;
- iii) verify that the parent(s)/guardian(s)/adult student direct their educational tax support to their resident Catholic Board;
- iv) notify the parent(s)/guardian(s)/adult student of their responsibility for the transportation of the student;
- v) notify the parent(s)/guardian(s)/adult student of the requirement for re-application on a yearly basis.

STUDENTS MAY BE CONDITIONALLY REGISTERED, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RECEIVES THE STUDENT'S "ONTARIO STUDENT RECORD" FROM THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL ATTENDED.

REGULATIONS

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1.10 ADMISSIONS

1. Students registering for the first time in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School system shall be required to produce proof of age and a Catholic Baptismal Certificate in, or proof of reception into, the Roman, Greek or Ukrainian Rite.

Members of an Orthodox Congregation will not be considered separate school supporters. An Orthodox person who is formally received into the Catholic Church, is given a formal letter (with a seal) from a Roman Catholic parish, stating that they have been received into the Roman Catholic Church. It should be noted that the family is now Catholic, and as such have the legal right to enroll in Catholic schools and to direct their taxes to the Catholic school system. These previously Orthodox believers retain their Orthodox baptismal certificate.

A letter from a pastor certifying that the child has been baptized in, or received into, the Roman, Greek or Ukrainian Rite will be accepted in lieu of a Baptismal Certificate for admission to the Catholic school system.

A student so qualified and so registered will be considered a student of the system until such time as:

- a) he/she graduates;
 - b) he/she moves out of the jurisdiction of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board;
 - c) he/she is expelled under the Education Act;
 - d) he/she is withdrawn by a legal guardian or withdrawn themselves through any legal process.
2. Students admitted from a school of a different system shall be placed by the principal in the grade which she/he believes most appropriate. Principals shall secure O.S.R. cards and necessary records for all students admitted from a different system.
 3. A Catholic parent/guardian will be considered a separate school supporter immediately upon receipt by the Board of a properly signed Application of Direction of School Support and/or a Separate School Lease Agreement (when required).

Participants enrolled in the rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R. C. I. A.) will not be considered separate school supporters until they have been formally baptized by, or received into, the Roman Catholic Church.

4. Eligible students may be admitted immediately upon completion of all registration procedures.
5. The Superintendent of Financial Services and Treasurer shall establish detailed registration procedures which will be distributed to all principals.