

DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD POLICY / REGULATIONS

Board Policy Number:	1.10
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) If the child is baptized Roman Catholic or an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, the child is accepted into the school regardless of the parent(s)/guardian(s) baptism. The child's baptismal certificate is required. (If the parent(s)/guardian(s) are also baptized Roman Catholic or an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, the school will also keep a copy of the parent(s)/guardian(s) baptismal certificate.)
- v) When a child is not baptized Roman Catholic or an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, one of the parent's/guardian's Roman Catholic or an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, baptismal certificate, is required to register the child.

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

C) STUDENT REGISTRATION WHERE RESIDENCY IS OUTSIDE OF DUFFERIN-PEEL

Elementary and Secondary Schools

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

- i) In elementary schools only - verify proof of Roman Catholic baptism, or baptism in an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, for either the child or one of the parents/guardians;
- ii) In elementary schools only – where one parent/guardian is a baptized Roman Catholic or an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, verify that the parent(s)/guardian(s) direct their educational tax support to their resident Catholic Board;
- iii) notify the parent(s)/guardian(s)/adult student of their responsibility for the transportation of the student;
- iv) notify the parent(s)/guardian(s)/adult student of the requirement for re-application on a yearly basis. (Reference GAP 105.06)

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

1.10 ADMISSIONS

1. Students registering for the first time in an elementary school, in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School system, shall be required to produce proof of age and Roman Catholic baptism or baptism in an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, for the child and/or one of the parents/guardians.

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 or Greek Catholic parish, stating that they have been received into the 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, an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, 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 withdrawn through any legal process.
2. Students admitted from a school of a different system shall be placed by the principal in the grade in which she/he believes most appropriate. Principals shall secure the Ontario Student Record (OSR) 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.

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