

LONDONDERRY
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



PRE-ADVANCED
PLACEMENT PROGRAM

APPLICATION PACKAGE

2010 - 2011

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IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES



Thursday, March 4, 2010 6:30 – 8:00PM	Pre-Advanced Placement Program (Pre-AP) Information Session
Wednesday, March 10, 2010 6:00 – 6:30PM 6:30 – 8:30PM	Mandarin Program Information Session (Room 14) Londonderry Open House
Monday, April 19, 2010 4:00PM	Deadline for submitting the completed application for Londonderry's Pre-AP program. The package must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pre-AP Application Form ◦ Teacher Recommendation Form ◦ Student Interest Form ◦ Most Recent Report Card (spring 2010) ◦ EPSB Pre-Enrolment Passport
Monday, April 19, 2010 4:00pm	Deadline for submitting pre-enrolment passports to Londonderry School.
Monday, April 26, 2010	Parents will be contacted by telephone or e-mail to notify them if their child did or did not qualify for the Pre-AP program.
Monday, May 3, 2010	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A random selection will occur if projected enrolment limits are exceeded for the regular programs. 2. Because of additional new schools north of Londonderry, it is very unlikely that Londonderry will exceed its projected enrolment limits. 3. A random selection will occur if the projected enrolment limit is exceeded for the Mandarin Bilingual program.
Thursday, May 6, 2010	If Londonderry School participates in the random selection process, all students involved in this process will be notified.



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Focus of the Program

- The purpose of the program is to develop students who have a strong work ethic, welcome problematic situations, tolerate ambiguity, and seek alternative possibilities.
- This program provides a rich and rigorous curriculum that focuses on analytical thinking and writing skills.
- Students will be involved in active, high-level learning which will foster an appreciation of quality work and diligent effort.

Elements of the Program

- Close links to senior high schools offering Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate programs
- Use of primary resources and effective questioning
- Creation of learning environments that encourage students to take intellectual risks, formulate questions, draw inferences, and construct solid verbal and written arguments
- Incorporation of a global perspective and fostering of a culture of character and responsible citizenship
- Student participation in community service
- Participation in a fine arts and second language option

Target Students

- Intended for all applicants who want an academically rigorous and challenging program
- Appropriate for all applicants who are interested in broadening their intercultural and international perspectives
- Applicant has demonstrated strong and consistent motivation in their learning
- Applicant has met or exceeded performance standards:
 - Academically strong grades e.g. 'A' mark
 - Is at or above grade level on the EPSB Highest Level of Achievement Tests (HLAT's)
 - Is meeting or nearly meeting the standard of excellence on the Provincial Achievement tests.
 - May have met the eligibility criteria of the Gifted and Talented program.







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What is the Pre-Advanced Placement Program?

The Pre-Advanced Placement program is an academically enriched program with an emphasis on academic performance and higher level thinking skills. An opportunity to apply learning through our commitment to educate the “whole” student is part of our project approach and enhanced learning opportunities. The program is designed to prepare students for greater intellectual engagement by continuing the development of skills and the acquisition of knowledge in grade seven.

<p>Math</p> 	<p>Pre-AP Math is designed to provide sequential development of knowledge and skills appropriate to the grade level. It has an increased focus in a number of areas such as computational skills, explanations of the foundational underpinnings of mathematics to increase students' problem solving power and significant enhancement of algebra.</p>
<p>Language Arts</p> 	<p>Pre-AP Language Arts program is an enriched and in-depth planned program of skills and concepts in English language and composition, and English literature and composition. Students will focus on literary analysis, close reading, rhetoric and writing tactics through a study of these elements in literature. A key component of the course is the reading and analysis of works of recognized literary merit which promotes shared inquiry discussions of both fiction and nonfiction with multiple levels of meaning. Students completing the Pre-AP Language Arts program will become engaged and critical readers of prose and imaginative literature, and they will become skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes.</p>
<p>Social Studies</p> 	<p>Pre-AP Social Studies provides a rich interdisciplinary curriculum which emphasizes the development of critical thinking and writing skills. Students will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of historical, political, economic, and social issues through an inquiry based approach. This approach requires students to develop critical and creative thinking skills and the ability to research and communicate in a persuasive manner.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>The laboratory is the key place where students learn through firsthand observation. One of the key differences in the Pre-AP Science classes is evident in the laboratory work. The students are challenged through experiments to acquire skills in analysis, understanding problems, observations, conclusions and communicating effectively.</p>

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APPLICATION

All applicants must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete this Pre-AP application form
 2. Complete the Student Interest form
 3. Submit the Teacher Recommendation form
 4. Provide a copy of your most recent grade six report card
 5. Submit your Pre-enrolment Passport (only applies to students currently enrolled in an Edmonton Public School)
- * Ensure the above 5 requirements are submitted to Londonderry School no later than 4:00pm on Monday, April 19, 2010.

** 'Gifted and Talented' coded students:

Regardless of address and as long as the application requirements are completed and deadlines met, all applicants coded 'Gifted and Talented' are automatically accepted into the program.

Turn over to complete application



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APPLICATION



Student Legal Surname (last name)

Legal Given Names (first and middle names)

Address

Postal Code

Phone

Last School Attended

Birth date (Month, date, year)

Full Name of Parent(s)

Home Phone:
Cell Phone :
Work Phone:

E-Mail Address

Sibling attending Londonderry in 2010-11

Name

Grade

- My child is coded Gifted and Talented and has completed all application requirements for Londonderry's Pre-AP program.
- My child is not coded Gifted and Talented and has completed all application requirements for Londonderry's Pre-AP program.

Please return this form as part of the Pre-AP application package to Londonderry's General Office **no later than Monday, April 19, 4:00pm.**

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STUDENT INTEREST FORM

Student Name: _____

Elementary School: _____

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Student Profile for the Program

This program is appropriate for those students who are:

- 1. interested in academic activities and learning new concepts**
- 2. curious and look for answers in new settings**
- 3. interested in participating in a program that focuses on inquiry, critical thinking, and problem-solving**
- 4. demonstrating near honours or honours as reflected in classroom marks, reading and writing assessments such as HLAT's**

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1. Based on the focus and elements of the Pre-Advanced Placement Program as described on the second page of this application package, and the Student Profile for the Program as described above, why do you think this program would be a good match for you?

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GRADE 6 TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Grade 6 Teacher:

**Please complete this form as a part of the Pre-Advanced Placement application process.
This form must be received by Londonderry School no later than Monday, April 19, 2010.**

Student's Full Name: _____

Present School: _____

Name of Grade 6 Teacher: _____

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- 2. curious and look for answers in new settings**
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- 4. demonstrating strong academic achievement (eg. Honours) as reflected in course marks, reading and writing assessments such as HLAT's**

Turn over to complete form



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Recommendation

Based on the extent to which this student demonstrates the characteristics in the Student Profile described on this form, would you recommend this student for a Pre-Advanced Placement Program? Please check the appropriate box below.

Strongly recommended

Recommended

Not recommended at this time

Comments:

Teacher Signature: _____

Date _____

