

Ursula Franklin Academy





Your Hosts

Faye V.

Stella S.

Griffin R.

Land Acknowledgement



Welcome to Open House

Ursula Franklin Academy

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

**“We acknowledge we are hosted on the
lands of the Mississaugas of the
Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee
Confederacy and the Wendat. We also
recognize the enduring presence of all
First Nations, Métis and the Inuit
peoples”**

TDSB Land Acknowledgement

AGENDA

Welcome/Overview - Principal Georgia Gallagher

Application Process-Vice Principal Lindsay McWaters

Values and Integration Mia Kim

Student Advisory Council Welcome Vinita Goel

Student Uniform Association Jairod & Abigail

Tour Instructions Faye, Stella, & Griffin



Welcome/Overview

Principal
Georgia Gallagher



Application Process for Grade 9 & 10 Admissions



The Numbers

~ 500 School Size - by design

~137 2026 Grade 9 Class Size



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COMMUNITY



International Education Programs

International students can apply for Kindergarten to grade 12, summer camps, cultural immersion programs and more.

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Find Your School

Find your designated school by entering your address, see school contact details and find out who your principal, vice-principal, superintendent and trustee are. Also explore other educational opportunities through the TDSB.

**By Home Address**

Fill in your address in the search box

**By School Name**

Browse by alphabetical school listing

**Central Program Admissions Office**

The Central Program Admissions Office coordinates and facilitates the application and enrollment processes for TDSB Central Programs listed below.

**Specialized Programs**

The TDSB offers Specialized Programs that are focused on the Arts, Math, Science & Technology, Leadership and more! All students meeting the eligibility requirements with an interest in the program focus are invited to apply.

**Out-of-Area Admissions**

Applying to attend a school other than your designated school by address

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Central Program Admissions Office

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International Baccalaureate

Leadership

Math, Science and Technology

Applicant Eligibility Benchmark Calculator

Early French Immersion

Middle French Immersion

Out of Area Admissions

Elementary Alternative Schools

High Performing Athletes

F.A.S.T.

Secondary School Programs Search Tool

Specialized Programs

The TDSB offers Specialized Programs that are focused on the Arts, Math, Science & Technology, Leadership and more! All students meeting the eligibility requirements with an interest in the program focus are invited to apply. Please note that the application and admissions process has changed. Visit the [Applications and Admissions website](#) for more information.



The application for September 2026 will be open from **Monday, November 24 to Friday, December 12, 2025 at noon.**

Learn more about each of the programs:

- [Arts](#)
- [International Baccalaureate](#)
- [Leadership](#)
- [Math, Science and Technology](#)

Please note that transportation is not provided for any Specialized Program.

Learn more about:

- [Applications and Admissions](#)
- [Addressing Vacant Seats](#)
- [Academic Achievement and Demonstrations of Knowledge and Skills](#)
- [FAQ Secondary French and Specialized Programs](#)
- [Elementary Specialized Programs](#)

Today < > November 2025						
SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Nov 1
2	3 • 6pm Etobicoke Sch	4 • 6pm Wexford Colleg • 6pm **NEW TIME** 3 more	5 • 6pm Danforth CTC • 6pm Rosedale Heig 3 more	6 • 6pm Central Techni • 6pm Marc Garneau 2 more	7	8

Important Information to Consider Before you Apply for a Specialized Program

A Specialized Program is a school or program that has a particular focus. In applying for a Specialized Program, you are applying with the intention of attending that school, in the requested program, every day for the next 4 years.

- **Transportation is the responsibility of the applicant.**
- If a student opts to not continue in a program, they will be expected to return to their designated school by address.

Important Information to Consider Before you Apply for a Specialized Program

- Applicants select one TYPE of program.
- Applicants have a primary program choice, and may opt to include an alternate program choice.
- The alternate program choice **MUST** be of the same type of program. (*NEW*)

Program Choice required i

Leadership

Primary School Choice required i

Ursula Franklin Academy (grades 9 - 10)

Alternate School Choice - Optional i

Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute (grades 9 - 10)

Alternate Focus Choice required i

Athletic Leadership

Important Information to Consider Before you Apply for a Specialized Program

Alternate choices will only be considered after all primary applications for that program (living in the city of Toronto) have been considered.

Applicants living outside the city of Toronto will be considered after all applicants residing in Toronto have been considered for their primary and alternate choices.

If an applicant is accepted to their primary choice school, they will not be considered for their alternate choice.

If an applicant is offered a spot in their alternate choice, they will remain on the waitlist for their primary choice until the waitlist expires..

Important Information to Consider Before you Apply for a Specialized Program

- Applicants to secondary programs who were not in a TDSB school in June 2025 will need to upload a PDF of their June 2025 report card (and their first report if the data is not shown in the June report card). (*NEW*)
- Applicants must meet the report card benchmark in order to be eligible for consideration. (*NEW*)
 - Meeting the benchmark does not guarantee that the applicant will be seated.

Applicant Eligibility: Report Card Benchmark

- In order to be an eligible applicant, the following Grade 7 (applicants for Grade 9) or Grade 8 (applicants for Grade 10) report card marks will be reviewed and **no more than 2** can fall below the Provincial Standard:
- Language
- Math
- Science and Technology
- Geography
- History
- French (average of 4 strands)
- Art (average of 4 strands)
- Physical and Health Education (average of 2 strands)

Applicants may wish to use the [Report Card Benchmark Calculator](#) to confirm their eligibility before applying.

Specialized Programs Application Timelines

- **November 24, 2025** - Specialized Programs Online Application opens
- **December 12, 2025** - Specialized Programs Online Application closes (*noon*)

Students and parents/guardians and caregivers are encouraged to attend all relevant Open Houses to learn more about the programs.

Late applications will not be accepted.

All applicants must be attend the in-person demonstration of knowledge and skills.

Seating Criteria for Specialized Programs

- Admissions are no longer based on applicant interest and through a lottery.
Applicants will be selected and seated in programs based on the strength of their application. (*NEW*)
 - Report card achievement from select subjects from 2024-25 will make up 30% of your applicant score.
 - The evaluation of your demonstration of knowledge and skills will make up the remaining 70% of your applicant score.

Visit the [Academic Achievement and Demonstration of Knowledge and Skills](#) website for more detailed information.

Learning-Related Accommodations

Applicants can request learning related accommodations on the in-person demonstration of knowledge and skills in the application.

Appropriate accommodations relevant to the format of the assessment, supported by the applicant's Individual Education Plan will be provided.

- Individual Education Plans for TDSB applicants will be accessed internally.
- Non-TDSB applicants must bring hard copies of their Individual Education Plan to the in-person session.

Learning-Related Accommodations for Multilingual Learners

Applicants for whom English is not their first language, where the applicant has been in Canada for less than 5 years, can request learning related accommodations on the in-person demonstration of knowledge and skills in the application.

Appropriate accommodations relevant to the format of the assessment, that are being provided by the current school and that are consistent with EQAO accommodations, will be provided.

This may include the use of a translating dictionary (hard-copy) and extra time.

Contact CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca with any questions related to accommodations.

Report Card Marks for Leadership Programs:

Average of Language, Math, Science, Geography and History

PowerSchool will calculate a “Grade” for each applicant based on the June Report 2 achievement data.

Should there be no Report 2 mark, the Report 1 mark will be used for that subject.

This average will make up 30% of the applicant score.

Demonstration of Knowledge & Skills for All Leadership Programs:

Monday, December 15, 2025

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

At your Primary Choice Leadership program school

- 60-minute assessment.
- Two questions, both requiring a written response.
- Questions will be centered around students' personal experiences and opinions around leadership qualities and civic-mindedness.
- Both questions will be assessed by rubric.

Resources:

Further details about the demonstration of knowledge and skills can be found on the [Academic Achievement and Demonstration of Knowledge and Skills](#) website.

Information about what to bring to your in-person assessment will be provided upon submission of your application.

Acceptances: Timelines

The placement process will occur centrally and all communication will come from the Central Program Admissions Office. Please do not contact schools directly for selection results.

- **February 11, 2026** - Acceptances and waitlist status will be sent centrally, via email to all applicants. **Offers expire February 17, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
 - This is the same date that seating through Out-of-Area Admissions will also be sent.
- **Offers will be made on February 18 and February 25, 2026 where seats are available. Central Waitlists will expire after this date.**

Leadership Programs

There are three sites offering Leadership Programs:

R H King Academy

Ursula Franklin Academy

Birchmount Park CI (Athletic Leadership)

- Leadership programs are designed to develop the leadership potential of all participating students.
- In addition to courses, learning is enhanced through school and community involvement opportunities.

Questions?

Contact CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca with any questions related to applications or accommodation requests.



Leadership Program at Ursula Franklin Academy Values, Integration & Wednesday Enrichment Program

Mia Kim

Ursula Franklin's Words and Values



- “People have an obligation to struggle with others for the welfare of those who are not in a position to struggle for themselves.”
- “In the end [at the end of their schooling], you want young people to be personally happy and publicly useful.”
- “How can I help?”

Wednesday Enrichment Program

Promotes UFA Values:

- Community of Learners
- Connected Knowledge
- Social Justice
- Spirit of Inquiry
- Democracy

Benefits:

- Gain leadership skills
- Collaborate and find community
- Meet new people
- Learn about a diverse variety of subjects
- Have fun

Current & Previous Examples of Wednesday Enrichment Program Courses

- **Young Men's Discussion Group**
- **Bollywood Dancing**
- **Cinema Studies**
- **The Stock Market**
- **Yoga**
- **Silent Reading**
- **Mock Trials**
- **Disc Golf**
- **Pickleball**
- **Origami**
- **Negotiation and Venture Capital**



School Advisory Council Welcome

Vinita Goel

SAC Chair

UFA School Advisory Committee

- We are a diverse group of parents and caregivers working to support the administration, staff and students as well as the UFA community at large.
- We have an Anti-Oppression Subcommittee that supports the Social Justice foundation of the school
- Workshops and gatherings take place throughout the year organized by SAC and the Anti-Oppression Subcommittee





Student Uniform Association

Jairod & Abigail



Thank You!



The Principal & Vice Principal
will be available from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the
Auditorium

For additional questions this evening



School Tours

Instructions



Tour Instructions

Group 10 - Balcony Exit

Group 4 - Side Exit

Group 11 - Rear Exit



Tour Instructions

Group 8 - Balcony Exit

Group 7 - Side Exit

Group 2 - Rear Exit



Tour Instructions

Group 9 - Balcony Exit

Group 5 - Side Exit

Group 1 - Rear Exit



Tour Instructions

Group 6 - Rear Exit (W.T. Side)

Group 12 - Rear Exit (UFA Side)

Group 3 - Side Exit