

da Vinci SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS 2021-2022

About da Vinci School

da Vinci School is a fully public alternative school within the Toronto District School Board, located at 33 Robert St. near the intersection of College and Spadina. We serve approximately 90 students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 and are housed on the third floor of Lord Lansdowne Public School.

Our goal is to meld best practices from the Waldorf tradition with effective learning and teaching practices from the Ontario Ministry of Education and Toronto District School Board expectations.

Our program is based on three pillars for learning: Oral Narrative, Outdoor Learning and Arts-infused learning.

The mandate of the school, as passed by the Toronto District School Board in March 2009, is a school inspired by *“the ideas and ethical principles of the Waldorf approach to learning. The foci of the da Vinci School include the following:*

- *A stimulating learning environment with integrated subjects, hands-on learning and a structured school day*
- *Co-operative learning strategies in place in all subject areas*
- *A high level of parental involvement to help create a positive, creative and encouraging close-knit school culture*
- *A technology and commercial-free environment in the early grades to stimulate creativity and imagination*
- *A supportive and responsible Code of Conduct for students*
-TDSB minutes, March, 2009

TDSB is committed to creating an equitable school system where the achievement and well-being of every student is fostered through rich, culturally authentic learning experiences in diverse, accepting environments where all are included, every voice is heard, and every experience is honoured.

TDSB is committed to a learning and working environment which actively promotes and supports human rights and accessibility's for people with disabilities. We will make an effort to accommodate your needs, though please note that this location is not wheelchair accessible.

All specialized schools and programs are subject to existing Optional Attendance policies and procedures. Board Policy P013, Optional Attendance, Operational Procedure PR545, Optional Attendance Ministry of Education, “Growing Success, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools, Grades 1 to 12 (2010)”

Personal Information contained on this form or general information collected on behalf of the Toronto District School Board regarding the students is collected under the authority of the Education Act and in compliance with sections 14, 31, and 32 of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for education, transportation and health and safety purposes. For further information, please contact J. Eric Szonyi, School Principal at 416 – 393 – 1350 or janos.szonyi@tdsb.on.ca

da Vinci School – How to Complete the Application Package

We hope that you were able to join us at our Information Night on January 12 which would have provided you and your child a good sense of what our school is all about. Due to current protocols and procedures and in conjunction with safety measures outlined by Toronto Public Health, we will not be able to offer an Open House this year. If you have any further questions that were not addressed during the Virtual Information Night, please email our Office Administrator, Elizabeth at Elizabeth.DaSilva2@tdsb.on.ca with your inquiry.

How to Apply:

To complete the application, you will need to:

- ✓ Complete the Application Form
- ✓ Complete the Optional Attendance Form
- ✓ Put the entire application in a package in the included envelope, seal it, and drop it in person or mail it directly

All sections of this application must be completed in order to be eligible for the lottery. Application forms must be received by **Friday, February 12th, 2021 by 3:00 pm**. They can be mailed or dropped off to the main office at Lord Lansdowne PS 33 Robert St. Toronto ON M5S 2K2

The Selection Process

If necessary, the selection process will be determined by a lottery. **Successful applicants will be notified by email (by phone in cases where there is no email address) on Friday March 5, 2021. Written confirmation of acceptance must be received by the school no later than Friday March 26, 2021, by 3:00 pm.**

All applicants not offered a spot will be placed on the waitlist. **The waitlist will be cleared on October 29, 2021.** If you wish for your child to remain on the waitlist, please notify the office in writing prior to this date.

da Vinci School APPLICATION FORM, 2021 - 2022

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Current School: _____

- **I have a sibling at da Vinci School who is currently in JK- grade 5.**
*In keeping with Optional Attendance procedures, preference will be given to siblings, in circumstances **only** where both siblings will be enrolled and attending the school at the same time. For example, if a current Grade 5 student has a current sibling applying for next year for JK- Grade 6), the sibling rule would apply. The rule is that both students need to be attending at the same school at the same time.*

- **I am applying with my twin as a set, and we are submitting only one application.**
ONE application will be submitted for both twins. Should that application be drawn, two pupil placements in the class will be taken. If parents choose to have twins apply individually, two separate applications will be submitted, and regular lottery rules will apply. If one twin is chosen, the other twin is not automatically granted acceptance by virtue of being a sibling.

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____
(if different from student) _____

Phone numbers: (h) _____ (w) _____ email _____

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PILOT ADMISSION PROCESS – 2021-2022

We value the choices that our school board offers to our students and their families and are proud of the excellent learning opportunities that our alternative elementary schools provide to their students and communities.

As part of our Multi-Year Strategic Plan, we are committed to providing equity of access to learning opportunities for all students. In looking at our elementary alternative schools we note that many alternative elementary schools are not proportionally representative of the diverse student population in the TDSB.

In order to explore further the possibility of making our elementary alternative schools more reflective of our board-wide student population, we are offering students the opportunity to continue to participate in a pilot admission process for the 2021-2022 school year at JK entry level.

Please note that this pilot would count for 25% of the JK entry grade only.

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As part of the Board's strategic efforts and commitments to advance equity and inclusion, and ensure non-discrimination, da Vinci School encourages applications from families that represent the full diversity of communities in Toronto.
If you feel comfortable, please check all the boxes below that apply to your child.

Racialized. Please specify (select all that apply):

- Black
- East/Southeast Asian
- Latino
- Middle Eastern
- South Asian
- Mixed Race – please specify
- LBGTQ

Indigenous. Please specify (select all that apply):

- First Nations
- Métis
- Inuit

After careful thought, we believe that da Vinci School is the right choice for our child and family.

Parent signature