



St. Joseph's College School



CONGREGATED ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOOL
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM
FOR GRADE NINE STUDENTS APPLYING IN 2015/2016

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

STUDENTS APPLYING TO THE AP PROGRAM MUST ALSO APPLY TO ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOOL THROUGH THE TCDSB ADMISSION PROCESS.

St. Joseph's College School has a proud tradition of offering Congregated AP classes to students who need an enriched and highly challenging academic setting in the areas of English, History, Mathematics, and Science. Our program begins in Grade 9 with Pre-AP classes in English and Mathematics. In these classes students fulfill the expectations of the Ontario curriculum in addition to the AP curriculum. Continuing in Grade 10 and 11, students prepare for AP classes in Grade 12 as well as the AP examinations in the same year. AP examinations are written for credit as well as for first year accreditation in University. The Congregated AP Program is an excellent enrichment opportunity for students who are identified Gifted and for strong academic students.

The AP program offers a great deal of flexibility and it fits well with the individual learning needs of all students. Students may choose as few as one class up to a full complement in order to work towards the various AP Scholar Awards provided by the College Board. St. Joseph's College School is introducing the AP Capstone Diploma Program (still in development by the College Board). Students applying to Grade 9 in 2015/2016 would have the option to work towards either the AP Scholar Awards or the AP Capstone Diploma Program. All students who are applying for AP programming must complete this application package.

St. Joseph's College School will accept a set number of students into the Congregated AP program in Grade 9. Acceptance criteria for this program are: previous report cards, CAT 4 scores, principal/teacher confidential endorsement, as well as the student's desire to commit to an academically rigorous level of study required in an enriched classroom setting. Following Grade 9, students will be asked to re-apply to the Congregated AP program on an annual basis to ensure that the program fits their individual interests and learning needs.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

This application package must be received by St. Joseph’s College School no later than February 18th, 2016 for equal consideration. After this date, applications will be accepted to the program based on space.

FUTURE COSTS:

The College Board charges \$100.00 per AP examination. The amount is payable when the student writes their AP exams. Students may approach the AP coordinator to make alternate financial arrangements, if needed.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:

Students will receive notification of acceptance to the Congregated AP Program following a review of all application packages. Acceptance information will not be provided prior to the acceptance notifications.

APPLICATION FORM CHECKLIST:

When completing the application for the Congregated AP Program, please complete the following checklist as only complete application packages will be considered.

APPLICATION FORM CHECKLIST
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed Application Form• Student Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal/Teacher’s Confidential Report in a sealed envelope with the assessor’s signature over the seal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Grade 7 Report Card
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 8 Progress Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 6 EQAO Scores
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 7 Canadian Achievement Test (CAT 4) scores
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent/Student/Teacher signature of the Application Package

Non-TCDSB students: In addition to this application form, you must complete the TCDSB Secondary School Waiting List Application Form and submit it directly to the admissions department of the Toronto Catholic District School Board. If you have not written the CAT 4, then you may submit any additional standardized tests.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please send all completed application packages to:
St. Joseph’s College School
74 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON
M5S 1C4 Attention: AP Program Applications

SECTION #3 – SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT/SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Please list any school clubs, teams, activities, leadership activities in which you have been involved in the last two years. (Examples may include: student council, office helper, public speaking, sports teams, etc.)

ACTIVITY	DATES

SECTION #4 – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Please list any activities in which you have participated in the past two years. (Examples may include: sports teams, volunteer work, scouting, music lessons, dance lessons, etc.)

ACTIVITY	DATES

SECTION #5 – AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Please list any awards, recognitions or medals that you have received from your school or your community. (Examples may include: academic awards, leadership, music, athletics, contests etc.)

ACTIVITY	DATES

SECTION #6 – STUDENT RESPONSE

In a clearly written statement of approximately 250 words, please tell us why you are applying to the Congregated AP program at St. Joseph’s College School. What do you hope to learn from this program? What strengths do you bring to this program? What skills do you hope to develop through this program? (Please type your response on a separate page (please use Times New Roman, font size 12), and attach it to this application.

SECTION #7 – PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

TEACHER SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

SECTION #7 – TEACHER/PRINCIPAL ENDORSEMENT OF STUDENT APPLICANT

All prospective applicants need a Teacher/Principal endorsement to complete their application package. Please fill in the student applicant section. Take this form to your teacher/principal for completion. The completed form should be sealed in an envelope with the assessor’s signature over the seal. Include this form in your application package.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Present Elementary School: _____

Assessor’s Name: _____

Circumstances to be taken into account (i.e. ESL, Disability etc.) _____

Student Profile

Your student has applied to the Congregated AP Program at St. Joseph’s College School. Your student’s desire to commit to this program and to the expectations of an enriched classroom setting are an important aspect of success in this program. Please complete this form, seal it in an envelope and sign over the seal. The student will return it with the rest of the application. Thank you for your assistance with this process. Additional comments may be included on the back of this form.

	Excellent	Very Good	Fair	Needs Improvement	Unable to Judge
Attitude to learning					
Intellectual curiosity					
Demonstrated work ethic					
Peer Interaction					
Collaborative learning style					
Leadership ability					
Organizational skills					
Attendance and punctuality					

Assessor’s Signature: _____ **Position:** _____

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLAR AWARD REQUIREMENTS

AWARD	REQUIREMENTS
National AP Scholar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 AP Exams written• Grades of 4 or higher on 5 exams written
AP Scholar with Distinction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 AP Exams written• Average grade 3.5• Grade 3 or higher on all exams written
AP Scholar with Honour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Exams written• Average grade 3.25• Grade 3 or higher on all exams written
AP Scholar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 AP Exams written• Grade 3 or higher on all exams written

AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

(Program under development)

DIPLOMA PROGRAM	REQUIREMENTS
AP Capstone Diploma (2 year program for Grade 11 and 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 or more AP Exams written• Grade 3 or higher on all exams written• Interdisciplinary Seminar Course including a Team Project, Individual Presentation and Written Exam in Year 1• Research Project in Year 2

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

ENGLISH
HISTORY
ADVANCED FUNCTIONS
VECTORS AND CALCULUS
DATA MANAGEMENT/STATISTICS
BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY
PHYSICS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For school programming and AP programming information please contact Ms. K. Szendi at (416)393-5514.

For information on our website, please go to: www.tcdsb.org.

For information about Advanced Placement, please go to: www.ap.ca.

For information about the AP Capstone Diploma Program, please go to: www.collegeboard.org.

* When searching for specific information about AP programming such as the AP Capstone Diploma Program, type AP Capstone Diploma Program into a search engine such as Google to get to the information quicker. Even personnel who are employees of the College Board make this recommendation.