



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER
SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

FAQ

Laval High Schools Registration and Course Selection Form

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- What is the Regular Program?
 - The Regular Program is the path defined by the Ministry of Education, and provides all students enrolled in this path the instructional opportunities needed to graduate from high school.

- What is an Excellence Program?
 - An Excellence Program is a selection of courses geared to a defined area such as Arts, Math/Science, Athletics, Leadership and Liberal Arts. These paths have courses that are enriched and are available for students who show both the aptitude and interest in each particular area.

- How is an *enriched* class different from a *regular* class?
 - Both the enriched class and a regular class are based upon the same curriculum. An enriched class provides enhanced experiences for students who show interest and ability in that particular subject.

- When do I have to pay for an Excellence Program?
 - The payment for an Excellence Program is at the same time as the school fees.

- Can the French Immersion, Excellence or Sport-Études programs be combined?
 - Due to scheduling impossibilities - French Immersion, Sport-Études and Excellence Programs **CANNOT** be combined in any manner.

- How is the Sport-Études Program scheduled?
 - For questions regarding the Sport-Études Program please access this link:
http://www.swlauriersb.qc.ca/docs/parent%20info/FAQ-sports%20etudes%20website_FINAL.pdf

- Who do I address my cheque for the entry exam to?
 - Address your cheque to Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

- Will my child automatically be selected to a program if recommended by his/her teacher?
 - The selection for an Excellence Program is based on teacher recommendation, the entrance exam, report card marks and the student's choice.

- Can my child take more than one entry exam?
 - The entry exam is the same for each Excellence Program.



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- Is the \$50 administration fee applicable for more than one entry exam?
 - There is no need to pay a separate fee if your child has made a second choice for an Excellence Program.

- When will I know if my child has been accepted to the program selected?
 - You will be notified of acceptance into a program after March break.

- Do I have to take the recommendation from the teacher?
 - The recommendation from the teacher will be considered, but you may still make your choice based on your child's interest and make note in the comments section.

- Why is there no written exam for enriched music, yet there is for enriched sports?
 - Students wishing to enter the Music Excellence Program must attend an orientation session that will have planned activities that will be evaluated. Students wishing to enter the Athletics Excellence Program are required to take the entrance exam that will be both academic and practical. The academic portion will determine the seriousness of the students, and the practical portion will determine their level of participation and sportsmanship.

- What is the minimum requirement sought for the Athletics Excellence exam?
 - There are special circumstances where a student who is not strong academically may still be considered for the Athletics Excellence Program.

- Since each Excellence Program focuses on combining English and ERC will they only be tested on their ELA competencies?
 - These two courses will be taught by the same teacher, giving her or him the opportunity to explore interdisciplinary opportunities. All competencies will be evaluated in both subjects.

- What will be on the entry exam for the Excellence Programs? How should the students prepare?
 - The exam will ask students to produce a writing in French and English, as well as answer some math and science questions. The exam is based on general knowledge and competency, so there is no need for students to prepare.

- What happened to the very popular ice-hockey?
 - Ice hockey will be offered as an extracurricular activity after school as it always has been.



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- What is the plan for the students who don't get accepted into the Athletics Excellence Program?
 - We have increased Physical Education by one period for students in the regular path, so students will have more physical activity. There will also be many opportunities for students to be involved in extracurricular activities, including sports.
- Do students currently enrolled in ALP or ATOMS write exams?
 - Students formerly in the ALP and ATOMS Program do not need to write an exam. Their placement will be based on current performance and teacher recommendation.
- What if a student is in an enriched class (such as Math, but not ALP) and going to senior? Do they have to write an exam?
 - Students moving on to the new Senior School do not have to write an exam. Their placement will be based on their current performance and teacher recommendation.
- Is the same exam given on February 7 and the 21st?
 - A different exam will be used on February 7th and February 21st.

Questions added to FAQ (February 25, 2015)

- How were the fee for the Excellence Programs established?
 - We indicated an approximate fee for each program based on last year's fees. Although the cost was approximate, it was important to inform parents that there was a cost related to these Excellence programs. The final fees will be presented to the Provisional Governing Board and to the Council of Commissioners for resolution this Spring.
- What does the entry exam fee cover?
 - The exam fees cover the invigilation and the correction of the exams. (all exams are corrected)
- Can entry exam fee be reimbursed?
 - The entry exam fee is not reimbursed as the administrative service was given.

If your questions have not been answered in this FAQ, please contact
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