

Frequently Asked Questions

Advanced Placement Program

Please read through the questions and answers below.

<u>Questions:</u>	<u>Answers:</u>
1) When/where can the Pre-AP and AP applications for September 2025 be found?	Starting November 22, 2024 the AP applications for ALL grades can be found at https://www.dpcdsb.org/CAMPI/guidance-courses/ap-program
2) Is there any other form to complete once the AP application is submitted?	YES, you must submit the <i>St. Edmund Campion Registration form</i> . If your child is accepted to the school, this will expedite the registration process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DP students (feeder school students) – hardcopy package was sent given to your Gr 8 teacher (due on Jan 16) - DP students (NON-feeder school students) – request a copy via this google form and submit it according to the instructions you receive in the follow up email. - Non-DP students – go to the “register for school” link on the board website (https://www.dpcdsb.org/schools/register-for-school)
3) When is the AP application due?	Incoming Gr. 9 Pre-AP applications are due December 20, 2024 (noon) Incoming Gr. 10 – 12 Pre-AP/AP applications are due March 17, 2025. (noon)
4) What fees are required to apply?	There is a \$25 application processing fee. The link to pay the fee is on the application information sheet and must be paid in order for your application to be processed.
5) When will students/parents be emailed about the status of the applicant?	We anticipate that the AP selection committee will have decisions ready to go out on or before January 31, 2025. We appreciate your patience with the process as we anticipate reviewing over 200 applications and this process takes extensive amounts of time to ensure the students accepted for the program have the skills and knowledge to be successful.
5) Is transportation provided to AP students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students who live within the St. Edmund Campion boundary <u>and</u> are eligible for transportation will receive busing. - If you DO NOT live within the Campion boundary, you are responsible for your own method of transportation. Please check the website below to confirm if this works for your family. https://www.stopr.ca/Pages/default.aspx
6) What does Pre-AP and AP mean?	Pre-Advanced Placement courses are the G. 9, 10 and 11 courses that lead up to the Gr. 12 Advanced Placement course (which should be taken prior to taking the AP exam... in Gr. 12)
7) What's the difference between Pre-AP/AP courses and the academic/destreamed course type?	Both programs are based on the Ontario curriculum for that course, however the AP courses offer enrichment activities and focus on enhanced critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

8) How many students are accepted into the Gr.9 pre-AP program?	The number of students we accept is dependent on the number of seats our Gr. 8 feeder school students' reserve. We are capped at 450 seats/grade. Once we've confirmed our feeder school students, the remaining seats will be offered to AP applicants. In past years, we've had between 100-150 seats available to offer AP students.
9) If I'm not accepted into the Pre-AP/AP program, can I still register at Campion?	All applicants are asked to submit the registration package. If you are not accepted into the AP program <u>and you live within the Campion boundary</u> , your registration will automatically be <u>considered</u> for registration to Campion. Remaining spots (after feeder school students and AP students are accounted for) are offered on a first come, first served basis.
10) What criteria is used to determine acceptance into the Pre-AP or AP program? Is there an entrance exam/test?	The AP Selection Committee looks at all parts of the application. While high academic achievement is important, we consider teacher comments, learning skills, school/community involvement and the personal response when trying to get a full picture of the applicant. There is NO exam or test to gain entrance to the program.
11) What Pre-AP courses will I be considered for?	Applicants are asked to specifically select the courses they want to be considered for. The committee will look at your selection and determine whether the applicant is suitable for <u>all or some of their selected courses</u> . <u>For example</u> , a student may have applied to be considered for English, Math, and Science however the committee determined that they would be best suited for math and science only. In this situation the student would take Gr.9 pre-ap math and Gr. 9 pre-ap science in their Gr. 9 year. If they are still interested in pursuing AP English, they would have to apply for Gr. 10 Pre-AP English while they're in Gr. 9.
12) If I didn't apply or wasn't accepted to a particular AP course in Gr. 9, can I switch to the AP courses in my Gr. 9 year?	Students <u>will not be reconsidered for AP courses</u> that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) they didn't apply for or b) they were not accepted for. in their Gr. 9 year. The number of AP classes that are created are based on the number of successful applicants that are accepted during the January application review process and therefore we will not reconsider applicants for the same school year.
13) Having trouble accessing the google form application?	Be sure to use your PRIVATE GOOGLE ACCOUNT. Sometime firewalls have been set up that won't allow you to access our forms from a corporate Gmail account (i.e., Peel students may encounter an issue if using their school account) Please access the form using a <u>private google account</u> (not associated with an organization).

If you have a question that is not addressed above, please [CLICK HERE](#) to fill in the form to ask your question. You will find the answer below within 3-5 days.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED VIA WEBSITE LINK	ANSWERS
14) Can you do both the ap application and registration package program. If we want to try for both the ap program and the regular program?	Yes, NON DUFFERIN PEEL STUDENTS are encouraged to register for Campion as well. If you're accepted to AP, this will expedite the process. If you're not accepted to AP, then any remaining spots will be offered on a first come - first served basis... completing the registration sooner, rather than later, will put you earlier on the list.
15) If a student is already in the Ap program at campion and wants to apply to take another Ap course for their next year, how would they do so?	This application is for incoming students only. Current Campion students are asked to connect with their guidance counsellor for direction on how to transition to an AP course for next year.
16) Do you submit your essay with the registration information?	The essay must be uploaded with on the AP application google form.
17) For the list of accomplishments school and community do you include this in your essay, or do you submit it separately?	On the AP application google form, there is a separate field for you to list accomplishment and community involvement. The essay should focus on the question.
18) Can I use my dpcdsb school email to fill out the form	Yes, that should work but if you still can't access the form, please use a personal gmail account.
19) How do I know if I can get bussing or not.. the website is confusing	Go to stopr.ca and click on School eligibility. -Enter your home address -Select Dufferin Peel – Gr. 9 ***If Campion is indicated as the high school in your area, then proceed to click on the "Am I eligible for Transportation" link within your search. ***If Campion is NOT the high school in your boundary, then you are NOT eligible for bussing.
20) Can the written essay be longer than 250 words?	We ask that you keep it to as close to 250 words as possible. There are hundreds of applications and longer essays delay the processing.
21) I am applying for the AP program as it is my first priority. Is it allowed to apply for mainstream too as a backup choice if I don't get selected into AP?	Please see the answer for question #14
22) Instead of a 2-3 minute presentation can the student	Students can present the answer in whatever way they wish... provided the answers are addressed.

make a 2-3 minute video of them self-talking about the question you have given?	
23) When I am trying to select the Pre-AP courses, it is not letting me select more than one. What should I do if I wish to select more?	Follow the steps... Select one AP course, enter the mark... you'll then be prompted as to whether you'd like to apply to another course. Select yes.
24) For the video, is it an video where I show my face and talk or an animated video	Please see the answer for question #22
25) My daughter is a non-DP applicant, and we had already applied for the admission to DP board and St. Edmund Campion in October using my email address. Now we applied for AP using my daughter's email. Do we need to do anything so that the two applications can be mapped?	No further action is required. We will match up the name on the registration package and AP application.
26) I didn't submit / fill the Proof of English Separate School Support with the registration package. How can I submit it now? Or can it be submitted once the admission is confirmed? My child currently goes to Peel school board.	Not to worry if there is documentation missing on the school registration. We will follow up with you for missing documentation if your child is accepted to the AP program/school. The important piece is ensuring that the AP application (google form) is complete. Missing uploads may void your application or cause delays in the review process.
27) Can I take AP courses outside of school	You must attend the school to take AP courses.
28) We applied for Ap program, we also want to apply for SHSM ICT can you please help us with the process	SHSM is not applicable until the student is in Gr. 11. Once your child is registered within our school, they should connect with their guidance counsellor for details on how to sign up in the SHSM that they are interested in.
29) Do I have to fill out a separate form to change my school board from peel to catholic	All required forms are provided through the registration portal. If you've already submitted the online registration but are missing documents, please hold on to them. We will follow up with any missing documents that are still required. https://www.dpcdsb.org/schools/register-for-school
30) Do I have to make a letter or video for each individual AP program I'm applying to.	Only one response/participant is required... regardless of how many AP courses you're applying to.

31) On the AP application form, should I be using my personal email, non-DPDSB email, or my parent's email?	There are several spots on the application for email addresses, asking for valid addresses for both the student and parent(s). It is vital that you use email addresses that you check regularly. This is our only form of communication and how you will know if you've been accepted to the program.
32) If I apply for 3 classes and get in and I only want to take 2 is that possible?	We ask that you only apply for the AP courses that you're willing to take. The school will create the number of sections in each course needed to accommodate all the accepted AP students. Switching courses afterwards may not be possible due to limited class availability and flexibility within the master timetable.
33) do you guys mind if someone applying writes extra? there's lots i want to cover but it's difficult with 250 words.	Please see question 20
34) what is the acceptance rate?	Please see question 8
35) Do your later grades severely matter? My 7th grade isn't the best but i've improved greatly. do i still have a chance?	We will only consider Gr. 7 marks and Gr 8 Progress reports. We look at learning skills, teacher comments and the rest of your application.
36) how many people apply on average?	We typically have over 300 applicants.
37) does my written have to be essay style or a 250 word paragraph	Whichever method relays your response... It's an open response.
38) how to pay for the 25 dollar fee for AP program	The link is available on the AP Information sheet... use the appropriate AP application Info sheet that can be found here: https://www.dpcdsb.org/CAMPI/guidance-courses/ap-program
39) can my written be 280 words?	Please see question 20
40) can my written be 260 words	Please see question 20
41) A student with a sibling attending this school gets priority or not?	A spot in AP is not guaranteed to siblings. Siblings must apply for the program.

42) What specific opportunities does the AP Program at St. Edmund Campion offer?	Please read through the PowerPoint that was presented on Nov. 21, as well as the General information on the AP page of the Campion website. https://www3.dpcdsb.org/CAMPI/guidance-courses/ap-program/ap-program
43) Would it be fine to submit a written response of approximately 250-300 words?	Please see question 20
44) What specific extracurriculars do you offer?	Please find the current "Clubs List" on the Campion website. https://www3.dpcdsb.org/CAMPI/students
45) What specific extracurriculars/clubs do you offer that are related to the AP Program itself?	All clubs/sports are open to all students.
46) I am interested in the AP Program at Campion. Can I just submit the AP application for now, and then if accepted and I decide to take it, then I will fill out the registration package. I don't see the need to fill out the whole registration package without knowing of a confirmed acceptance.	Yes, that's fine.
47) If I had applied and got selected (before the results of AP Campion is announced) to another DUFFERIN PEEL Programs (not at St. Edmund Campion), then can my application to the pre-AP program at St. Edmunds, gets affected due to that.	You can apply to any programs you want at other schools without any consequence to your Campion AP application, however you will need to accept the AP offer by the deadline date indicate on your offer (by mid-February.)
48) Where to pay \$25	The link to pay through school cash online is on the AP information sheet.
49) I have applied to another program in the dufferin peel board in addition to AP at St Edmund. I have received an	Offers from other school will have no bearing on Campion's decision to give you an offer. Students can receive multiple offers for various programs.

<p>offer for the other school indicating I need to accept the offer by Jan 10th but St Edmund will only give me the offer end of January. If I accept the offer from the other school, will St Edmund still give me an offer at which point I can accept the St Edmund offer and inform the other school?</p>	<p>If you accept the other offer by the date determined by the other school and then later receive an offer from St. Edmund Campion, you will then need to decide which school to commit to.</p>
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