

Programs of Choice

At Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB), we know that each student is unique in his or her learning, and we work to ensure our programs help our students reach their full potential. In addition to the programming offered at neighbourhood schools, a number of alternative programs focusing on sports, academics, science, arts and languages have been developed.

Programs of Choice are offered in many schools across the district and are open to all students in Hamilton.

Programs include the following:

- Hockey Canada Skills Academy
- International Baccalaureate
- Sage
- SAGE Quest
- Sport Academy
- Westmount Self-Paced Program

For more detailed information and a complete list of the diverse programs offered at HWDSB, please visit our Web site at www.hwdsb.on.ca.



Facts at a Glance

Total number of schools:	114
Elementary	96
Secondary	18
Total number of students:	52,840
Elementary	34,305
Secondary	18,535
Total number of staff:	
Academic	6,235
Business and Support	1,066
Students enrolled in French programs	1,831
Students served through Special Education	7,555
Students enrolled in English as a Second Language	3,683
Students traveling by bus	16,000
Number of new schools	2
Permits for Community Use of Schools	1,424

A Board of Choice

HWDSB is a Board of choice and opportunity for students across Hamilton. With a wide range of innovative programs, over 52,000 students in 96 elementary schools and 18 secondary schools have the opportunity to reach their full potential within our system. We're proud to be educating students to become lifelong learners and contributing citizens in a challenging, changing and multicultural world.

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Sport Academy Program
 R.A. Riddell Elementary School
 905-387-3350

SPORT ACADEMY

A "Program of Choice" for Grades 6 to 8
 at R.A. Riddell Elementary School



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Welcome to the Sport Academy

Sport Academies have been in existence in Canada for over twenty years. The Academies provide a supportive learning environment and flexible timetabling to allow students enrolled in the program the opportunity to significantly advance their athletic skills while achieving a high level of academic success.

Program Highlights:

- Use of two new fitness centres and an air conditioned 90 ft. x 56 ft. gym at Riddell Elementary School.
- Flexible academic programming to accommodate individual training needs.
- 2 classes available, one Grade 7 and one Grade 8 (Optional high school program at Westmount).
- Training at McMaster University once a week to enhance strength and fitness levels.
- Qualified and dedicated staff training the students.



We are committed to helping all students advance their athletic skills while achieving academic success!

The Riddell Basketball Focus is an outreach program that falls under the umbrella of the HWDSB Sport Academy. Designed to meet the needs of the highly motivated player in Grade 6, 7 and 8, the program focuses upon the development of a solid fundamental skill base necessary to grow in the game. The progressions in training will be inline with the Long Term Athletic Development Model utilized by Basketball Canada.

- 60-80 minutes per day dedicated to fundamental development including strength and conditioning.
- Use of two new fitness centers and air conditioned 90 ft. x 56 ft. gym at Riddell.

- Focused fundamental development coupled with a dynamic game situation training environment.
- Partnerships with basketball Canada, utilizing NEDA players as mentors.
- Emphasis on leadership and character building through sport with a particular focus on the connection between academic and athletic success.
- One Grade 6 / 7 / 8 class.

How to Apply

Club Athletes

- Club student/athletes are athletes who are regionally, provincially, nationally ranked or recognized in a particular sport.
- Club Application Forms are provided by athlete's club coach or by contacting R.A. Riddell.
- A minimum 60% academic standing with no failures and continual demonstrated growth towards Ministry Standards and acceptable Learning Skills is required.

High Potential Athletes

- High Potential athletes are those students who have been identified by their schools as having high athletic potential, limited or no organized sport involvement or limited resources to pursue an organized sport.
- Applications will be provided to a student based on a recommendation of a teacher or coach.
- A minimum 60% academic standing with no failures and continual demonstrated growth towards Ministry Standards and acceptable Learning Skills is required. Performance Standards testing will be part of the admission process.

Basketball

- Basketball athletes are required to complete an application provided by their club coach, teacher, or by contacting R.A. Riddell.
- A minimum 60% academic standing with no failures and continual demonstrated growth towards Ministry Standards and acceptable Learning Skills is required.
- Skills evaluation will be part of the admission process.