



**HWDSB SPECIALIZED LEARNING PROGRAM  
R.A. RIDDELL SPORT ACADEMY  
HIGH POTENTIAL AND BASKETBALL ACADEMY**

The R.A. Riddell Sport Academy is a Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Specialized Learning Program. This innovative learning program was created in 2006 to engage HWDSB student athletes by meeting their unique academic and athletic needs. Student athletes from all over the district are welcome to apply to the R.A. Riddell Sport Academy. The program set forth by the HWDSB supports its vision of “students achieving their full potential”.

The goal of our Sport Academy is to provide on-site athletic training alongside meeting the requirements of the Ontario Curriculum. Through our specialized staff members, enhanced equipment and partnerships with McMaster and Westmount, our program provides additional opportunities for the training and development of student athletes. Flexible programming is also offered to facilitate the students’ individual training and competition schedules.

**Format**

The Sport Academy Program at R.A. Riddell features two specialized programs within our Middle School.

1. High Potential Program – 2 Classrooms - Grade 7 and Grade 8
2. Basketball Program – 3 Classrooms - Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8

**Candidate Qualities**

Students who demonstrate the following qualities and characteristics are considered good candidates for the Sport Academy Program.

- Motivated, self-directed and capable of working independently to manage both academic and athletic commitments
- Passionate for athletics and committed to improving skills and abilities
- Committed to contributing to a positive team atmosphere at R.A. Riddell
- Strives for academic success and achievement
- Attends regularly and punctually

**Admission**

- Student athletes who possess the candidate qualities and are currently involved in organized sports and training at a rep, provincial, or national level
- Students with high athletic potential who possess the candidate qualities but have limited or no involvement in organized sports.

**Application Timelines**

Parent Information Night	January 16, 2018	5:30 PM
Application Due	February 9, 2018	
Packages Reviewed	February 12-16, 2018	
Email Notification of Results	February 20, 2018	
Sport Academy Welcome Evening	May 8, 2018	5:00 PM



## R.A. RIDDELL SPORT ACADEMY STUDENT APPLICATION

- High Potential Program  
 Basketball Program

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Information

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street # Street City Postal Code

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary contact email:** \_\_\_\_\_

All confirmations and correspondences will take place via email.

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Review the application checklist below and submit the complete package to:

**R.A. Riddell School**

200 Cranbrook Drive,  
Hamilton, ON, L9C 4S9

Phone: 905-387-3350 Fax: 905-387-9188

[nnicosia@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:nnicosia@hwdsb.on.ca)

- Application Package
  - R.A. Riddell Sport Academy Student Application
  - Student Response
  - Parent Response
  - Coaches Response and Assessment
- Student Registration and Information Form
- Proof of Age Verified by Office (provide copy or show original to office staff)
- Recent Progress Report and June 2017 Report Card
- Most recent IEP (if applicable)
- \$150 Enhancement Fee (post-dated to May 8, 2018, contact the school for information regarding subsidies)





**R.A. RIDDELL SPORT ACADEMY - COACH ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coach Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club/Team:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How long have you coached this student?** \_\_\_\_\_

What qualities does this applicant possess that will make them successful in the Sport Academy program?

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Please circle the score that applies in each category.

Cardiovascular Endurance: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Muscular Endurance: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Agility: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Speed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Muscular Strength: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Core Strength: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches' responses must be submitted directly to the school. Via one of the methods below.

Electronic Form: <http://bit.ly/2zGKJvn>

Email: [nnicosia@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:nnicosia@hwdsb.on.ca)

Fax: 905-387-9188