



**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 University and Westmount Secondary School, 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 access to organized sports.

Application Timelines

Parent Information Night (Virtual)	January 25, 2021	6:30 PM
Application Due	February 24, 2021	
Packages Reviewed	March 1-5, 2021	
Email Notification of Results	March 10, 2021	
Sport Academy Welcome Evening (Virtual)	May 13, 2021	6:30 PM