

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Waterdown District High School

3- Credit Interdisciplinary Studies program “ConneXions: International Exposure Program” Application Process and Instructions

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in Waterdown District High School's ConneXions Global Citizenship Program. Please follow the steps below to ensure your application is complete. If you have any questions, please visit connexionswdhs.org for full details. You are applying for a **THREE credit** international social justice program and a **12-Day TRIP** to Costa Rica that costs approximately \$2,850.

STEPS TO FOLLOW:

1. Complete your option sheet including all three courses as explained in the course calendar.
 - i. ENG4U or 4C IDP4U or 4C CGU4M
2. Complete the attached application form and return it to student services by *March 24th, 2017*.
3. Distribute the two reference forms to TWO teachers of your choice and ask them to return the completed forms to students services by the option sheet due date *or by March 24th, 2017*.
4. Applications will be reviewed once all of your material has been submitted.
5. Applicants will be invited for an interview during the month of April. Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:
 - a. *Application form, interview, attitude, attendance, and learning skills. Final approval of an applicant rests with the course instructor and the principal of Waterdown District High School.*
6. Applicants who are successful will be notified by telephone after interviews have been conducted.

Waterdown District High School
ConneXions 3-Credit Global Citizenship Program
APPLICATION FORM

A) Student Information:

Name: _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Date of Birth (d/m/y) _____

B) Character Profile

1. List any teams, clubs, and/ or extra-curricular activities in which you have been or are involved:

2. List any of your special skills, qualifications, or certifications:

3. List your volunteer and work experience: _____

4. List your hobbies and interests: _____

5. Simply wanting to travel is an insufficient reason to take a program of three credits. Why do you think the curriculum interests you? Try to be specific. _____

6. Why do you think you can live with a Spanish-speaking family for nine days of a two-week trip?

7. What is your biggest fear or concern about this three-credit program and trip? How can you overcome it? _____

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TEACHER REFERENCE FORM

SECTION A: To be completed by the applicant

Date _____

Student's Name _____

Name of Teacher Reference _____

SECTION B: To be completed by the teacher

Date _____

Teacher's Name _____

School _____

1. How long have you known the candidate? _____

2. What subjects have you taught the candidate? _____

3. If you have not taught the candidate, please explain your association:

4. Please complete the checklist below.

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| <u>Ability to Learn:</u> | exceptional ____ | quick ____ | capable ____ | inadequate ____ |
| <u>Dependability:</u> | exceptional ____ | good ____ | acceptable ____ | inadequate ____ |
| <u>Quality of Work:</u> | exceptional ____ | good ____ | acceptable ____ | inadequate ____ |
| <u>Attendance:</u> | exceptional ____ | good ____ | acceptable ____ | inadequate ____ |
| <u>Communication skills:</u> | exceptional ____ | good ____ | acceptable ____ | inadequate ____ |
| <u>Initiative:</u> | exceptional ____ | good ____ | acceptable ____ | inadequate ____ |
| <u>Cooperation:</u> | exceptional ____ | good ____ | acceptable ____ | inadequate ____ |
| <u>Interest in issues</u> | exceptional ____ | good ____ | moderate ____ | inadequate ____ |
| <u>Acceptance/Sensitivity</u> | highly ____ | quite ____ | somewhat ____ | not very ____ |

5. The above applicant is applying for a THREE credit open level integrated social justice program that includes an eight day stay with a Spanish-speaking host family in Latin America. Commitment, sensitivity, independence and maturity are vital to this type of learning environment. Please make any additional comments that you feel may be important on **the back of this sheet**.

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TEACHER REFERENCE FORM

SECTION A: To be completed by the applicant

Date _____

Student's Name _____

Name of Teacher Reference _____

SECTION B: To be completed by the teacher

Date _____

Teacher's Name _____

School _____

1. How long have you known the candidate? _____

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