



## The HWDSB Hockey Canada Skills Academy



### About the Program

HWDSB Specialized Learning Programs are innovative, unique and optional programs that focus on a specific area of study.

Hockey Canada Skills Academy students participate in the **Grade 7-8 Hockey Canada Skills Curriculum** to improve and develop overall fitness and hockey skills during their academic day.

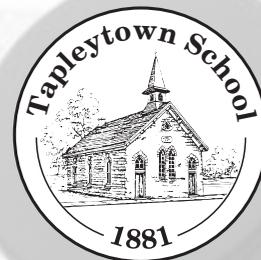
### How to Apply

We accept applications from students in grades 6 and 7 for entry into our Grade 7/8 class for the upcoming school year. Find an application and more details about this program online at:

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/programs/all](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/programs/all)

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A Specialized Learning Program offered by Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) at **Tapleytown Elementary School.**

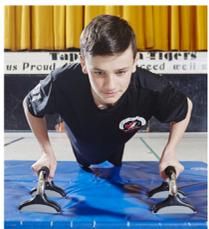
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## Features:

- Sixty (60) on-ice learning opportunities each school year (approximately 30 per school term).
- Individualized training developed by Hockey Canada focused on student strengths and weaknesses.
- Individual skills and situational play developed through drills, activities, challenges and games.
- Small, medium and large group settings with changing rules and dynamics.



- Sports-specific strength and conditioning training focused on long-term athletic development.
- Collaborative, differentiated instruction that creates a focused community of student-athletes.
- Focus on speed, agility, quickness, balance and athletic co-ordination.
- Sport-specific activities fit within Ontario's Health & Physical Education Curriculum.



## Who's a good fit?

- Motivated, self-directed learners capable of working independently, completing work on time and following a contract model as required
- Students passionate about hockey who want to improve their skills
- Students willing to collaborate with others in academic, athletic and social pursuits
- Students committed to building a positive team atmosphere
- Students who believe in and support the program by attending regularly, being punctual and striving for academic success

*“Sport schools and hockey academies have existed in Europe for several decades... We have an opportunity to create our own sport school model and I feel the (Hockey Canada Skills Academy) concept is a key to the future of player development in this country.”*

*-Dave King, former National Men's Team head coach and HCSA consultant to Hockey Canada*

## Funding:

The HWDSB Hockey Canada Skills Academy is a Specialized Learning Program offered by HWDSB. As an optional program, it has costs that exceed the funding of a regular day-school program. Contact program staff about current user fees.

