

Frequently Asked Questions about the PHS Enhanced Program

What is the advantage of being in the Enhanced Program?

Students in this program like to learn; they enjoy being challenged and they enjoy working hard on everything they do. They thrive in a class of like-minded individuals where discussions are encouraged and where project work is equally shared by students who excel in academics. Enrichment opportunities are available to Enhanced Learners such as field trips, advanced placement exams, competitions and contests.

Where can I find information about the Enhanced Program?

Please join us at our Information meeting, Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 5:30 pm in the Drama Room, Room 25 outside of the cafeteria in the crush area. This is an opportunity for students and parents to hear an overview of the program, to meet the teachers and to ask questions.

Is the program really hard?

The program emphasizes “different work” not harder work. It is a fast paced learning environment which allows time to explore related areas in each subject area. The emphasis is not on homework; the program teachers encourage students to be active leaders and participants in school and community events.

Do I need over 80% in every subject to be accepted?

No, we are looking for an *overall* average of 80%.

Your participation in extra curricular activities and community service involvement is also part of the decision making process.

How do I get an application for the Enhanced Program?

Download the application from the PHS website at <http://phs.wrdsb.ca/academics/enhanced/>. Please make sure that you have both an *application form* and a copy of your *final grade seven report card* included in your application. Also note that you are responsible to ask a teacher to complete the *teacher evaluation form* for you. Your teacher is able to fill this out online OR they may complete a paper copy of your evaluation and send it directly to PHS via courier by January 15, 2016 labelled “Attention: Mme. Gendron”.

Can a grade seven teacher fill out the Teacher Evaluation Form?

Yes, a grade 7 or 8 teacher can complete this form. You should choose a teacher who knows you well and is willing to make additional comments about your character.

Where do I drop off the PHS Enhanced Program Application?

Please submit your application to your elementary guidance teacher who will forward it to PHS by Friday, January 15, 2016.

How will I know if I am accepted into the Enhanced Program?

Only those students accepted into the program will receive a phone call by February 5, 2016. You will have 48 hours to confirm your acceptance.

If I am accepted into the Enhanced Program from a WRDSB (Public) elementary school, do I need to drop my grade nine course selection sheet at PHS?

If accepted into the PHS Enhanced Program, students will pick the appropriate course codes in the MYWAY computer program at the time of Grade Nine course selections done at the elementary school. Students would choose the following course codes for the enhanced program – ENG1DW, SNC1DW, MPM1DW, CGC1DW, FSF1DW plus three elective courses.

If I am accepted into the Enhanced Program from a WCDSB (Catholic) elementary school, do I have to pick up a course selection sheet?

Yes, if you are currently attending a WCDSB (Catholic) elementary school, a **Course Selection Package can be picked up in the PHS Guidance Office** the night of our Grade 8 Open House, on Thursday January 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm. This event gives you a chance to tour the school to investigate course options. At 8:00 pm there will be a presentation in the cafeteria from the guidance department about course selections and the requirements of an Ontario Secondary Diploma. If you are unable to attend that event, please come into the guidance office anytime that week to pick up a course selection package.

If I am accepted into the Enhanced Program from a WCDSB (Catholic) elementary school, do I need to drop my grade nine course selection sheet at PHS?

Yes, grade nine Course Selections should be dropped off directly to the PHS guidance office anytime before **Friday February 26, 2016**.

Is transportation provided by the WRDSB for students in the Enhanced Program?

No, transportation is the responsibility of the enhanced student and his/her family.

After grade nine, do I have to take my five compulsory subjects at the enhanced level?

The program is flexible. To continue being a PHS Enhanced Program student in grade ten, you must choose a minimum of three out of six courses offered at the enhanced level.

If I am not accepted into the program in grade nine can I reapply in grade ten?

Yes; it is the same application process. You will include your grade nine report cards.

Dates to Remember:

Grade 8 Enhanced Program Information Evening

Wednesday December 2, 2015 5:30 - 6:15 p.m

Room 25, Drama Room, Outside of the Cafeteria Crush Area

Open House

Thursday, January 7, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Information meeting in the library & Grade 8 Open House for parents and students

Application

Friday, January 15, 2016

Elementary schools forward grade nine applications for the 2015-2016 Enhanced Program to PHS

Acceptance

By Friday February 5, 2016

Students will be notified of acceptance

Confirmation of Attendance

By Friday February 12, 2016

Students will need to communicate to PHS their decision to attend the Enhanced Program

Course Selection Sheets

WRDSB Grade 8 students will choose all courses on MYWAY with Grade 8 teachers.

WCDSB Grade 8 students will drop off all course selections to guidance by Friday February 26, 2016