



Superior C.V.I. – Access and Admissions Policy

Philosophy:

Lakehead District School Board is committed to creating an equitable school system where the achievement and well-being of every student is fostered through rich, culturally authentic learning experiences in diverse, accepting environments where all are included, every voice is heard, and every experience is honoured. As a public school in the Lakehead District School Board and as an IB World School, Superior C.V.I. believes in an open and equitable admissions policy. Admission is open to all students in Thunder Bay and outlying areas, regardless of elementary school or school board.

Criteria:

Students are encouraged to register for the IB Programme at Superior C.V.I. if they have a curiosity about the world around them, a passion for learning, and a desire to effect meaningful change in the world, whether it be locally, nationally, or globally. Superior C.V.I. also seeks international applicants for the IB Diploma Programme as we continue to promote cultural and linguistic diversity. Ideal candidates for the IB Diploma Programme at Superior C.V.I. possess a willingness to grow and learn in relation to the attributes contained in the Learner Profile. Interested students and families are invited to attend IB Information Nights at the school, meet with the IB Coordinator, and participate in orientation activities offered on campus including opportunities to shadow a current IB student for a day. An application form is completed by potential IB students when they register to gather information about their strengths, interests, and goals.

Access and Process:

All applicants are accepted into the Grade 9 and 10 IB preparatory courses. The application process includes completion of the application form, a copy of the final Grade 7 report card, a copy of the most recent Grade 8 report card and a sample of writing (student's choice). All students in the preparatory and IB programmes receive free transportation to and from school, paid for by the Board.

Entrance into the IB Diploma Programme in Grade 11 requires the signatures of a parent or guardian and two signatures from teachers willing to act as references (one Group 1, 2 or 3 teacher and one Group 4 or 5 teacher). Grade 11 students coming from other IB schools will be accepted into the Diploma Programme without completing the Grade 9 and 10 preparatory programme. All Diploma Programme exam fees are covered by the Board; there is no additional cost to families for participation in the programme.

In the grade 9 and 10 IB preparatory courses, students are introduced to an enhanced curriculum that fosters critical thinking, and a strong sense of internationalism. Planning with the end in mind, vertical planning and scaffolding are regular practices aimed at offering consistent, clear support as students prepare for the IB Diploma Programme in grade 11 and 12. Ontario curriculum is enhanced by cultivating rigorous thinking, research, self-management, social and communication skills that are key components of the full Diploma Programme. Grade 9 and 10 students are also introduced to the concepts of international-mindedness, CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) and interdisciplinary thinking that underpin the IB programme and make it unique.

Application Forms:

Grade 9 External application form (all non-Lakehead Public Schools students):

<https://www.lakeheadschoools.ca/IBExternal>

Grade 9 Internal application form (current Lakehead Public Schools students):

<https://www.lakeheadschoools.ca/IBInternal>

Grade 11 IB Diploma Programme application form:

<https://www.lakeheadschoools.ca/IBGrade11>

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