

**Elementary School Entry Surveys (n=9661 accessed the survey)**

<b>1. Why did you choose to register your child in this TCDSB school? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Availability of daycare; before and after school programs</b>	2975
<b>Child's friends attend the school</b>	2154
<b>Cleanliness of school building</b>	2937
<b>Condition of school facilities</b>	2722
<b>Easy access to public transit</b>	2208
<b>Facilities available within the school (e.g., chapel, elevator, sports field, theatre, etc.)</b>	1805
<b>Family history of attending this school</b>	2513
<b>High moral values in the school</b>	4081
<b>It is my community school</b>	5371
<b>Level of discipline</b>	2872
<b>Parent involvement</b>	2429
<b>Parish involvement</b>	2639
<b>Programs offered</b>	2619
<b>Close to daycare</b>	1489
<b>Close to family</b>	3728
<b>Reputation of the school</b>	3834
<b>School bus transportation</b>	2602
<b>School clubs</b>	989
<b>School outreach (open house, school visits)</b>	1065
<b>School sports</b>	1507
<b>School staff</b>	2286
<b>School uniform/dress code</b>	3239
<b>Siblings have already attended this school</b>	2560
<b>Strong evidence of Catholic faith and culture</b>	4088
<b>Student safety</b>	3099

<b>1. Why did you choose to register your child in this TCDSB school? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Teacher recommendations</b>	1552
<b>Welcoming and friendly school atmosphere</b>	3818
<b>Other</b>	590

Of the 590 respondents who clicked “Other” – 191 did not offer comments.

*Summary of the comments that addressed the reasons why the elementary school was chosen.*

Many of the comments were repetitions of reasons already offered. It is my community school (76); French program (56); strong evidence of Catholic faith and culture (45); recommendation from friends, community members (27); siblings have already attended this school (19); availability of daycare; before and after school programs, close to daycare (18); reputation of the school (17); family history of attending this school (15); on route to work (15); close to family (13); multi-language school (8); parish involvement (6); Ukrainian (5); programs offered (e.g., Gifted, IB) (4); test scores (4); K – 8 school (3); music program (3); parent works at school (3); small school (3); first option was full (3); all boys school (2); school bus (1).

<b>2. Are there any specific programs that helped you to decide to enroll your child in this TCDSB school? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Arts programming</b>	2965
<b>Boys Choir programming</b>	912
<b>Core French starts in Grade 1</b>	1793
<b>Eco school</b>	1034
<b>Extended day International Languages Program</b>	1478
<b>Extended French</b>	1533
<b>French Immersion</b>	2683
<b>Gifted programs</b>	1282
<b>Special Education programs</b>	1413
<b>Other</b>	1207

Of the 1207 respondents who clicked “Other” – 558 did not offer comments.

The majority of comments offered did not provide specific programming information. Instead, they were repetitions of reasons for choosing the school (e.g., proximity, reputation, family history etc.), all of which were already been addressed in Question 1.

*Summary of comments that addressed programming:*

Sports, athletics (37); before/after school, daycare (23); Ukrainian / Eastern Rite (27); Italian (5); Portuguese (3); Spanish (2); multi-languages (8); music, choir (8); Nutrition Program (3); Reggio (2); Empower Reading (2); science, technology (3); chess (2); drama (1)

<b>3. How did you learn about this school? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Advertisement</b>	510
<b>Daycare provider</b>	1235
<b>Internet</b>	2189
<b>News reports</b>	310
<b>Open house</b>	570
<b>Parish</b>	2061
<b>Real estate agent</b>	290
<b>Social media</b>	530
<b>Word of mouth (neighbour, relative)</b>	5817
<b>Other</b>	2180

Of the 2180 respondents who clicked “Other” – 356 did not offer comments.

Many comments did not address **how** parents learned about the school. Instead reasons regarding **why** they chose the school were repeated (e.g., community school).

*Summary of comments that addressed **how** parents learned about the school.* Family history (684); word of mouth (183); TCDSB website (38); email (23); internet search (18); French Immersion newsletter (11); school newsletter (3); school rankings (5); called TCDSB (2).

### Elementary School Exit Surveys (n=133)

<b>1. Did you de-register your child because you have moved residences?</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Yes</b>	72
<b>No</b>	40

<b>2. What were the reasons for withdrawing your child from this TCDSB school? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Academic concerns</b>	7
<b>Change in daycare arrangements</b>	0
<b>Condition of school facilities</b>	5
<b>Facility overcrowding</b>	4
<b>Friends/siblings registered at another school</b>	0
<b>It is not my community school</b>	2
<b>Lack of availability of daycare; before and after school programs</b>	1
<b>Lack of school activities/sports/arts/clubs</b>	4
<b>Lack of school bus transportation</b>	1
<b>Lack of strong evidence of Catholic faith and culture</b>	3
<b>Lack of facilities available within the school (e.g. chapel, elevator, sports field, theatre, etc.)</b>	2
<b>Location of school (e.g., too far from home)</b>	3
<b>Need for a specific program that is not provided at this location</b>	5
<b>Not enough involvement with Parish</b>	0
<b>No easy access to public transportation</b>	1
<b>Far from daycare</b>	1
<b>Far from family</b>	2
<b>Physical environment</b>	4
<b>Reputation of the school</b>	5
<b>School uniforms/dress code</b>	0
<b>Student safety</b>	6
<b>Other</b>	26

Of the 26 respondents who clicked “Other”, 6 did not offer comments.

*Summary of comments:* not welcoming (6); moved (2); went to Cardinal Carter (2)

<b>3. What type of school will your child be attending?</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Another TCDSB school</b>	0
<b>Conseil scolaire Viamond/Conseil scolaire de district catholique</b>	0
<b>Home Schooling</b>	0
<b>Outside of Canada</b>	0
<b>Outside of Toronto</b>	0
<b>Private School</b>	0
<b>Toronto District School Board (TDSB)</b>	0
<b>Other</b>	13

*Summary of comments:* Outside of Toronto (7); public Board (1)

<b>4. What things did you like about the TCDSB school your child is leaving? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Availability of daycare; before and after school programs</b>	25
<b>Child's friends attend the school</b>	50
<b>Cleanliness of school building</b>	38
<b>Condition of school facilities</b>	28
<b>Easy access to public transit</b>	25
<b>Facilities available within the school (e.g., chapel, elevator, sports field, theatre, etc.)</b>	15
<b>Family history of attending this school</b>	17
<b>High moral values in the school</b>	42
<b>Level of discipline</b>	32
<b>Location of school (e.g., close to home; our home school)</b>	61
<b>Parent involvement</b>	29
<b>Parish involvement</b>	27
<b>Programs offered</b>	20
<b>Close to daycare</b>	15
<b>Close to family</b>	22
<b>Reputation of the school</b>	30
<b>School bus transportation</b>	26
<b>School clubs</b>	9
<b>School outreach (open house, school visits)</b>	13

<b>School sports</b>	18
<b>School staff</b>	44
<b>School uniforms/dress code</b>	40
<b>Siblings have already attended this school</b>	14
<b>Strong evidence of Catholic faith and culture</b>	41
<b>Student safety</b>	31
<b>Welcoming and friendly school atmosphere</b>	47
<b>Other</b>	8

*Summary of comments:* great staff (2); Catholic education (1); before and after-care (1)

<b>5. Would you recommend this school to a friend or family member?</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Yes</b>	55
<b>No</b>	13
<b>Not Sure</b>	19

**Yes** - *Summary of comments:* staff (23); caring environment (13); quality education (6); French Immersion (3); Catholic education (2)

**No** – *Summary of comments:* staff (14); single comments included the following – bullying issues, specific staff; declining academic rating, the school was not serving the child’s best interest

### Secondary School Entry Surveys (n=891)

<b>1. Why did you choose to register your child in this TCDSB school? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Child’s friends attend the school</b>	205
<b>Cleanliness of school building</b>	155
<b>Community/neighbourhood</b>	292
<b>Condition of the school facilities</b>	191
<b>Easy access to public transit</b>	304
<b>Facilities available within the school (e.g., chapel, elevator, sports field, theatre, etc.)</b>	147
<b>Family history of attending this school</b>	148
<b>High moral values in the school</b>	336

<b>Level of discipline</b>	283
<b>Location of school (e.g., close to home; our home school)</b>	358
<b>Parent involvement</b>	73
<b>Parish involvement</b>	71
<b>Programs offered</b>	333
<b>Close to daycare</b>	4
<b>Close to family</b>	74
<b>Reputation of the school</b>	358
<b>School clubs</b>	111
<b>School outreach (open house, school visits)</b>	110
<b>School sports</b>	118
<b>School staff</b>	125
<b>School uniforms/dress code</b>	208
<b>Siblings have already attended this school</b>	106
<b>Single gender: "all boys"/"all girls" school</b>	80
<b>Strong evidence of Catholic faith and culture</b>	201
<b>Student safety</b>	157
<b>Teacher recommendations</b>	106
<b>Welcoming and friendly school atmosphere</b>	255
<b>Other</b>	50

Of the 50 respondents who clicked “Other”, 15 did not offer comments.

*Summary of comments that addressed the reasons why the elementary school was chosen.*

Many of the comments were repetitions of reasons already offered. Other comments were: Programs offered (11) e.g., Regional Arts Program, STEM, AP, IB, Gifted Program, Self-directed learning; summer school; the student chose the school (7); excellent academic record (5); strong evidence of Catholic faith and culture (3); close to home (2) feeder from elementary (2); other single comments included: welcoming; only school with space; special education; active student body; did not like the high school nearby and online research.



<b>2. Are there any specific programs that helped you to decide to enroll your child in this TCDSB school? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Arts programming</b>	160
<b>Congregated Advanced Placement (AP) program</b>	169
<b>Boys choir programming</b>	13
<b>Co-op program</b>	71
<b>Dual credit program</b>	27
<b>Eco school</b>	25
<b>Enrichment programming</b>	97
<b>Extended French</b>	61
<b>French Immersion</b>	33
<b>Geography English Math Science (GEMS) program</b>	72
<b>Gifted programs</b>	51
<b>International Baccalaureate (IB) program</b>	51
<b>Locally Developed programs</b>	38
<b>Math, Science Technology (MST) program</b>	103
<b>Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) program</b>	76
<b>Media, Arts Technology (MAT) program</b>	41
<b>Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)</b>	34
<b>Regional Arts program</b>	40
<b>Special Education programs</b>	45
<b>Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program</b>	40
<b>Sports programs</b>	44
<b>Other</b>	122

Of the 122 respondents who clicked “Other”, 45 did not offer comments.

*Summary of Comments:*

Many of comments offered did not provide specific programming information. Instead, the responses were repetitions of reasons for choosing the school (e.g., proximity, reputation, family history etc.) which were already addressed. All girls (1); math and science (2); robotics (1); drama (1), outdoors (1); leadership (1); independent learning or self-directed learning (6); communications technology (1); reputation / school ranking / high academic standards (4); MSE (2); live in community (1); Catholic school (1); feeder school (2); biotechnology program (1);

semestered program (1); good fit (1); high enrolment can allow for many programs (1); child chose (1); not aware of the programs available in the school or not based on programs (3)

<b>3. How did you learn about this school? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Advertisement</b>	12
<b>Daycare provider</b>	3
<b>Internet</b>	59
<b>News Reports</b>	22
<b>Open house</b>	367
<b>Parish</b>	64
<b>Real estate agent</b>	2
<b>Social media</b>	15
<b>Word of mouth (neighbour, relative)</b>	404
<b>Other</b>	201

Of the 201 respondents who clicked “Other”. 48 did not offer comments.

Recommendation from teacher or elementary school (53); siblings (7); family history (17); recommendation from friends, family (11); feeder school (23); online research (5); ranking/Fraser ranking (5); live in the area/community school (14); reputation (4); RAP (2); AP (1); ME Summer Program (1); child’s choice (2); auditions (1); on route (2); website (2); open house (1); taste of the arts (1).

## Secondary School Exit Surveys (n=104)

<b>1. Did your child Graduate Grade 12?</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Yes</b>	54
<b>No</b>	34

<b>2. Did you de-register your child because you have moved residences?</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Yes</b>	9
<b>No</b>	25

<b>3. What were the reasons for withdrawing your child from this TCDSB school? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Academic concerns</b>	9
<b>Change in daycare arrangements</b>	0
<b>Condition of school facilities</b>	0
<b>Facility overcrowding</b>	1
<b>Friends/siblings registered at another school</b>	1
<b>Lack of availability of daycare; before and after school programs</b>	0
<b>Lack of school activities/sports/arts/clubs</b>	0
<b>Lack of strong evidence of Catholic faith and culture</b>	0
<b>Lack of facilities available within the school (e.g., chapel, elevator, sports field, theatre, etc.)</b>	3
<b>Location of school (e.g., too far from home)</b>	1
<b>Need for a specific program that is not provided at this location</b>	1
<b>No easy access to public transportation</b>	0
<b>Not enough involvement with Parish</b>	1
<b>Far from daycare</b>	0
<b>Far from family</b>	0
<b>Physical environment</b>	1
<b>Reputation of the school</b>	1
<b>School uniforms/dress code</b>	1
<b>Semestered or non-semestered programming</b>	0

<b>Single gender: "all boys"/"all girls" school</b>	0
<b>Student safety</b>	3
<b>Other</b>	14

*Summary of comments:* Medical reasons (2); single response included - arts school, 18 years old, bullied, lack of motivation, fresh start.

<b>4. What type of school will your child be attending?</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Another TCDSB school</b>	0
<b>Conseil scolaire Viamond/Conseil scolaire de district catholique</b>	0
<b>Home Schooling</b>	0
<b>Outside of Canada</b>	0
<b>Outside of Toronto</b>	0
<b>Private School</b>	0
<b>Toronto District School Board (TDSB)</b>	0
<b>Other</b>	5

*Summary of comments:* Single responses included: online courses, Centennial College, alternative school, mental health issues

<b>5. What things did you like about the TCDSB school your child is leaving? (please choose all that apply)</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Child's friends attend the school</b>	32
<b>Cleanliness of school building</b>	22
<b>Community/neighbourhood</b>	29
<b>Condition of the school facilities</b>	23
<b>Easy access to public transit</b>	41
<b>Facilities available within the school (e.g., chapel, elevator, sports field, theatre, etc.)</b>	22
<b>Family history of attending this school</b>	18
<b>High moral values in the school</b>	29
<b>Level of discipline</b>	28
<b>Location of school (e.g., close to home; our home school)</b>	34
<b>Parent involvement</b>	13

<b>Parish involvement</b>	7
<b>Programs offered</b>	28
<b>Close to daycare</b>	1
<b>Close to family</b>	10
<b>Reputation of the school</b>	29
<b>Student safety</b>	27
<b>School clubs</b>	14
<b>School outreach (open house, school visits)</b>	13
<b>School sports</b>	12
<b>School staff</b>	28
<b>School uniforms/dress code</b>	27
<b>Semestered or non-semestered programming</b>	13
<b>Siblings have already attended this school</b>	6
<b>Single gender: "all boys"/"all girls" school</b>	8
<b>Strong evidence of Catholic faith and culture</b>	18
<b>Welcoming and friendly school atmosphere</b>	31
<b>Other</b>	8

*Summary of comments:* great staff (2); Arts Program (1)

<b>6. Would you recommend the school to a friend or family member?</b>	<b>Number of answers</b>
<b>Yes</b>	33
<b>No</b>	10
<b>Not Sure</b>	20

*Summary of comments:*

Yes – great school (16); excellent staff (11); inclusive environment (2); extra curriculars (1); students not negatively influenced (1)

No - principal (2); staff (2); bullying (2); standards have dropped for the school (2); one each – lack of respect by students; disorganized department; school facilities are old