

GRADE 11 GUIDANCE INFO SHEET WINTER 2020

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- * English Secondary 5 (6 credits)
- * French Secondary 5 (4/6 credits)
- * Ethics **OR** Physical Education Secondary 5 (2 credits)
- * Science & Technology Secondary 4 (4/6 credits)
- * Mathematics Secondary 4 (4/6 credits)
- * History Secondary 4 (4 credits)
- * Art option (Music, Drama, Dance, Visual Art) Secondary 4 (2 credits)

In addition to the above courses, students must have earned 54 credits, at least 20 of which must be at the Secondary V (grade 11) level.

HOW CAN I PICK UP MISSING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

LBPSB Summer school!

ADULT ED. Summer school: *Not all classes will be offered! Info should be available come May 2020.*

ADULT ED. Fall Semester: *Call your closest Adult Ed. Centre the first week of August to make a registration appointment.*

- **PACC:** Adult Education at (514) 798-5588
- Call **NOVA** if you live in Chateauguay
- Call **CARTIER** if you live on the West Island.

You may be required to do some **placement tests** to determine the level at which you should be starting an adult education class.

Adult Ed. courses have a modular approach which makes it **easier to do well.**

VOCATIONAL STUDIES

Completing a trade program will earn you a **Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS)**.

- **Varying start dates:** Many trade programs begin at varying times (example, August, October, November, January, etc.) during the school year.
- **Complete High School credits:** The credits you earn while doing a vocational training program count towards sec. 5 credits. i.e., You can start a trade program and complete some high school credits at the same time!
- **Short programs:** Programs vary from about **6 to 18 months!**
- **Hands-on Learning:** Vocational programs have a work-related practicum or “stage” associated with them for on-the-job training.
- **Tuition Free:** Vocational training offered through the public system is tuition-free for anyone who has been a Quebec resident for at least one year. Certain fees (ranging from under \$100 to more than \$1000) may apply to cover the cost of uniforms, materials, tools, safety equipment, etc.
- **Job-specific learning only:** The courses are hands-on and specific to the trade you are studying. You DO NOT take the courses students are required to take in CEGEP, such as French, English, and Humanities.
- **CEGEP admission:** You can apply to CEGEP with a DVS even if you do not have your high school diploma. All you need is your DVS and Sec. 5 English and French as well as Sec. 4 Math.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

You must meet certain admission requirements to apply to a trade program:

- **Secondary School Diploma (SSD)** allows you into **ALL** trade programs.
- **Sec 4 (grade 10) core credits** are pre-requisites for **MOST** trade programs:
 - English Sec 4
 - French Sec 4
 - Math Sec 4
- **Sec 3 (grade 9) core credits** are pre-requisites for **SOME** trade programs.

APPLYING TO A VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

- ✓ **Apply online via SRAFP at**
<https://www.srafp.com/default.aspx?langue=en>
- ✓ You may make 2 program choices.
- ✓ Make sure you meet the admission requirements before applying to a program.
- ✓ **Print your application form, sign and date it, then bring it** to your vocational centre with the required documentation.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

- Birth certificate
- Latest transcript/report card
- Medicare card
- \$\$ Application fee

Once your file is complete, i.e., you have brought in your documents, you will be called and given a date for a mandatory information session and interview!

DEADLINE: Aim to apply by April 2020!

FUNCTIONAL PRE-REQUISITES

Students 18 years old + can start a trade program if they have passed the following:

- General Development Test (Tests your math, reading & writing skills)
- English Sec 3
- Math Sec 3

OR

- If they passed Sec 3 English, French and Math **AND** are working towards passing Sec 4 core credits at the same time as they are in a trade program.

If you are a hands-on type of person and learn best by doing, then a trade program may be just right for you, even if you have the pre-requisites for CEGEP! CEGEP is NOT for everyone!

CEGEP/COLLEGE STUDIES

Completing a CEGEP program will earn you a **Diploma of Collegial Studies (DCS)**.

CEGEP offers 3-year technical programs, 2-year pre-university programs, and 3-year Double DEC programs (e.g., Science & Music at Vanier).

- **3-year technical programs**
 - Technical programs start in the fall (September) semester.
 - Include stage placements/internships so that you can learn on the job.
 - Provide the marketable skills necessary to enter the workforce.
 - Require that you pass core classes (French, English, Humanities, Phys. Ed.).
 - Allow you to further your studies in university (may need pre-requisites).

- **2-year pre-university programs**
 - Pre-university programs start in fall (Sept.) and winter (Jan.) semesters.
 - Prepare you for further studies at the university level.
 - DO NOT provide the marketable skills necessary to enter the workforce immediately. You **MUST** go on to do a minimum of a Bachelors degree at the university level prior to professional employment.
 - Require that you pass core classes (French, English, Humanities, Phys. Ed.).

- **3-year Double DEC programs:** Two pre-university programs in 3 years
 - Takes 3 years rather than 4 years doing two pre-university programs back to back because you are only fulfilling the core curriculum requirements once.

All students must take the following Core Curriculum Courses in CEGEP: 4 English, 2 French, 3 Humanities, 3 Physical Education, 2 Complementary Courses.

CEGEP REQUIREMENTS

- A SSD (Secondary School Diploma) is the minimum admission requirement.
- **Program Specific Pre-requisites (See college websites!)**
Examples:
 - Health Science: Chem. & Physics, Sec. 5 SN Math
 - Explorations Science (Dawson): Sec. 4 SN Math
 - Social Science: Commerce: Sec. 5 SN Math
 - Nursing: Chemistry
 - Physical Rehabilitation: Physics
 - Mechanical Engineering: Sec. 4 SN OR Sec. 5 CST Math, Physics
 - Computer Science Technology: Sec. 4 SN OR Sec. 5 CST
 - Civil Engineering Technology: Sec. 4 EST, Sec 5 SN Math
 - Accounting & Management Tech: Sec. 4 SN Math OR Sec 5 CST
 - Radiation Oncology: Sec. 4 EST, Sec 5 SN Math
 - Industrial Design: Sec. 4 EST

In addition, some programs may require:

- **Audition** (e.g., Music programs, Professional Theatre program)
- **Portfolio** (e.g., Graphic Design, Professional Photography)
- **Testing** (e.g., Entrance Drawing Test for 3D Animation), (e.g., Language Testing for Radiation Oncology and Diagnostic Imaging), (e.g., Reading Comprehension & Writing Tests for Social Service), (e.g., Theory & Ear Training Test for Music)
- **Interview** (e.g., CRLT, Fine Arts, Social Service)
- **Letter of intent** (e.g., Illustration & Design, Early Childhood Ed., Nursing)
- **Reference letters** (e.g., Special Care Counselling)

*****Fulfillment of these program specific requirements does not guarantee admission. Every program has a limited number of spaces. Acceptance is based primarily on academic performance and English proficiency*****

ONLY apply to programs for which you will have ALL prerequisites by the end of the school year, i.e., by June. If you need the summer to get a missing pre-requisite, you should NOT apply to that program until the winter or following fall semester otherwise you will be refused.

HOW CAN I EARN MISSING CEGEP PROGRAM PRE-REQUISITES?

ADULT ED. Summer School: *Not all classes will be offered! Call to make a registration appointment the first week of July 2020.*

ADULT ED. Fall Semester: All HS upgrades are available in the fall semester. *Call to make a registration appointment the first week of August 2020.*

EXPLORATIONS/Pathways/Transition PROGRAMS IN CEGEP

- ***High achieving*** students who wish to get math and/or science-related program pre-requisites.
- These are very competitive programs!
- ***Enriched Sec 4 Math is a pre-requisite for Explorations at Dawson.***

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CEGEP evening studies)

- Math upgrades at the Sec 4 & 5 levels
- Sec 4 Science upgrade
- Chemistry, Physics

SOCIAL SCIENCES IN CEGEP

- Math upgrades at the Sec 4 & 5 levels

CEGEP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Applications are NOT evaluated on a first come first serve basis. All applications that arrive by the March 1st deadline are considered equal.

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2020

Applications, payments and supporting documents must be submitted online by the March 1st deadline. Portfolios are usually submitted by appointment at a later date. If you cannot scan your documents, you can take clear and legible photos of your documents to upload.

You **DO NOT need to submit any grades**. Lester B. Pearson School Board transmits grades electronically.

Your **permanent code, which you need when applying**, appears on your report cards and Relevé d'Apprentissage (grade 10 transcript). You can see me in B-235 if you cannot locate it.

HOW TO APPLY TO CEGEP

All applications are made online.

It is highly recommended that you apply to at least 2 CEGEPs if not 3 or more. For example: VANIER, DAWSON, CHAMPLAIN ST-LAMBERT.

You will need to have on hand your permanent code, your full address, contact info, parents maiden names, and Visa or MasterCard to apply (preferably).

SRAM Application System (Abbott, Vanier, French CEGEPS)

- **1 CHOICE SCHOOL/PROGRAM BUT 3 ROUNDS**

You must use the **SRAM application system** to apply to the above-mentioned Colleges as well as Champlain Lennoxville. The SRAM system is available online at <https://admission.sram.qc.ca/> and opens **January 14th, 2020**.

Be sure to:

- **meet** the entrance requirements of your program choice!
- **confirm** your application and take a photo or print your transaction number. Your transaction number will allow you to check the status of your application.
- **pay** the application fee (30\$) on time! You can pay online by credit card (Visa or Master Card). You can also pay by debit in person or mail a money order or certified cheque made payable to SRAM.
- **submit** any required documents by uploading them onto SRAM. Refer to program information for guidelines on how and what to submit. Examples: Letter of intent or portfolio.

If you are refused for **ROUND 1**, you will be invited to make a **ROUND 2** choice. You simply log in to SRAM to modify your choice. You **DO NOT pay another application fee**. The deadline will be in mid-April. The exact deadline date will be given to you in the letter explaining the reason for your Round 1 refusal. Same goes for **ROUND 3!**

Dawson College Application

- **2 PROGRAM CHOICES (1st and 2nd choice)**

Dawson College has its own application system available through its website at <https://www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca/admissions/how-to-apply/> and opens as of **January 14th, 2020**. You must indicate a **1st and 2nd choice program**. You will only be considered for your 2nd choice if you are refused from your 1st. There is no guarantee that there will be space in the program you choose as a 2nd choice.

Be sure to:

- **meet** the entrance requirements of your program choices!
- **select wisely!** A 2nd choice that has a lower cut-off requirement.
- **pay** your 30\$ application fee on time. Pay online by Visa or MasterCard, by sending a certified cheque or money order made payable to Dawson College or in person by debit card at the Registrar's office 2D.6. Wait 24 hours after submitting the application to allow for processing time.
- **submit** any required documents by March 1st using the online documentation centre. **You MUST submit your birth certificate!** Refer to program information for guidelines on how and what to submit.

Champlain College St-Lambert Application

- **2 PROGRAM CHOICES (1st and 2nd choice)**

Champlain College has its own application system available through its website at <http://champlainapplication.ca/> and begins accepting applicants as of **January 14th, 2020**. On the Champlain College application, you must indicate a **first and second choice program**. Just like Dawson, you will only be considered for your 2nd choice program if you are refused from your 1st choice and there is no guarantee that there will still be space

Be sure to:

- **meet** the entrance requirements of your program choices!
- **select wisely!** A 2nd choice that has a lower cut-off requirement.
- **pay** your 30\$ application fee on time. Pay online using a Visa or Mastercard, by certified cheque or money order payable to Champlain College St-Lambert, or in person by cash or debit card at the Registrar's office F-103.
- **submit** any required document on time. Refer to program information for guidelines on how and what to submit. Examples: Letter of intent or portfolio.

PRIVATE COLLEGES

Marianopolis College Application (PRIVATE COLLEGE)

- **2 PROGRAM CHOICES (1st and 2nd choice)**

You may apply directly to Marianopolis College. Go to www.marianopolis.edu to fill out an application form. Just like Dawson and Champlain St-Lambert, you must indicate a **first and second choice program**. You will only be considered for your 2nd choice program if you are refused from your 1st choice program.

Be sure to:

- **meet** the entrance requirements of your program choices!
- **select wisely!** A 2nd choice that has a lower cut-off requirement.
- **pay** your 50\$ application fee (Visa or Mastercard) on time.
- **submit** any required document on time. Refer to program information for guidelines on how and what to submit. Examples: Letter of intent or portfolio.

You may also wish to apply to other private colleges such as LaSalle College or O'Sullivan College since they have their own application system.

GENERAL INFO

You will be provided with a **file number / transaction number** after completing each application. Please keep these for your records. Although they can be found on the copies of your applications, I recommend taking a picture of them.

If you are asked for a **letter of intent**, you may visit the guidance department for a sample letter. You can also ask me and/or a teacher to proofread it. You may be asked to follow specific guidelines (See program requirements).

If you are asked for reference letters, make sure to ask your people well in advance of the deadline if they are willing to write a reference for you.

In-person interviews, auditions, portfolio interviews, or language testing are held during the month of **March, April or May** before a decision can be rendered. Failing to attend an interview/audition/portfolio interview/language testing will disqualify an applicant.

Decisions on first choice programs will appear between mid-March and mid-April. Decisions on 2nd choice programs (if refused from 1st choice program) will appear between 3rd week of April to the end of May.

If admitted, you MUST confirm your acceptance to reserve your spot. Confirmation deadline is about 2 weeks after the admission offer. Confirmation is done online. Once your confirmation has been accepted you will be given access to a complete Online Admission package.

English and French Placements: All students MUST write an **online English placement test** to determine which section of the Introduction to College English course you should be in. Students who do not make it into Intro to College English can expect to take a Preparation for College English course. This is not one of the required English courses to receive a DEC. You DO NOT take the French Placement Test. A result will be generated for you based on your Sec V French grades. **Non-residents exempt from the Sec. 5 French MUST write the French placement test.*

FEES: Full-time daytime student fees are approximately 165\$ per semester.

NOT SURE WHAT YOUR NEXT STEP WILL BE? NEED TO DO MORE EXPLORING?

- **Use XELLO!**

The XELLO icon should appear on your Fusion account. If not, your parent has not yet logged into the parental Fusion to give the consent (permission) for you to access it.

- **LOOK UP PROGRAM INFO:**

- Every school and vocation centre has a website with program descriptions, course lists, admission requirements, etc.
- Pick up viewbooks and the Take Your Pick Booklet on trades available in MTL in the guidance department for program info.

- Be a **STUDENT-FOR-A-DAY**. See the school websites to register or see me in guidance to help you set it up!

- Go to Information Sessions! See dates on following pages!

Reaching Ms. Sylvain:

I am available by email at vsylvain@lbpsb.qc.ca for application related questions. You may also come see me to schedule a time to meet or fill in an appointment request slip found outside B-235.