

Information on Specialized or Gifted Programs Available to K-12 Students living in the Peel Region

Note: This is not an exhaustive list and the information provided may be subject to change.

Grades that apply in this school year, 2025-26 for the following school year, 2026-27	Program	Program Description	Important Dates & other Application details
Grade 8	International Baccalaureate (IB)	IB is an academically rigorous program leading to expanded opportunities for admission into highly sought-after programs at university	Information Night: October 21, 2025 Apply between November 4, 2025 to November 25, 2025 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/secondary-regional-learning-choice-programs
Grade 8	Advance Placement (AP)	Advanced Placement (AP) exams allow high school students who excel on these exams the opportunity to gain university credits* while still in high school. These exams are written in May and are usually 2-3 hours in length. AP is designed by a U.S. education association called the College Board, is catered for highly motivated and academically inclined students who have a strong foundation in fundamental numeracy and literacy knowledge and skills. Students taking AP courses have the opportunity to learn first year university material while still in high school.	Information Night: October 30, 2025 Apply between November 4, 2025 to November 25, 2025 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/secondary-regional-learning-choice-programs
Grade 8	Scitech	Scitech integrates a hands-on, minds-on philosophy and provides students with an interactive approach to learning the Ontario Secondary School curriculum. SciTech continues to be a dynamic and evolving program through the ongoing dialogue with post-secondary educational programs and industry partners to reflect our ever-changing world.	Information Night: October 16, 2025 Apply between November 4, 2025 to November 25, 2025 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/secondary-regional-learning-choice-programs
Grade 8	International Business and Technology (IBT)	Program focused on focuses on Business and Technology through the lens of the Ontario curriculum. The program engages the modern learner with a global focus using project-based, cross-curricular, inquiry-driven learning that is enhanced by technology.	Information Night: October 23, 2025 Apply between November 4, 2025 to November 25, 2025 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/secondary-regional-learning-choice-programs

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Grade 8	Art	The Regional Arts Program provides a comprehensive education in the Arts, while learning the Ontario curriculum. There are four areas of Arts programming available: Dance, Drama, Music (instrumental/vocal) or Visual Arts.	Information Night: October 15, 2025 Apply between November 4, 2025 to November 25, 2025 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/secondary-regional-learning-choice-programs
Grade 1 or 7	French Immersion (Gr 1) Or Extended French (Gr 7)	If your child will be starting grade 1 or grade 7 in September 2026, one of the choices you will make is whether you want to consider grade 1 French Immersion (FI) or grade 7 Extended French (EF). Each of the programs differ in intensity but share a common purpose - to develop students' communication skills in the French language.	https://www.peelschools.org/french Applications open in December 2025
Grade 3, 5 or 8	High Performers Program	Does your child /teen have an intense sports or arts training and competition schedule that makes it difficult to attend school regularly? The Peel District School Board's Peel Region High Performers Program offers flexible timetabling to accommodate student-athletes and artists with demanding practice, competition, rehearsal, and/or performance schedules. To qualify for the program, high-performing students must be recommended by a coach, agent, or instructor who can verify the students' levels of competitiveness, training hours, and schedules.	Applications are expected to open in November 2025 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/peel-region-high-performers-program
Grade 5	Actively in Motion (AIM)	The AIM program provides skill training and development, active involvement in athletics, fitness, wellness, leadership and character development. The focus of the Actively in Motion (AIM) program includes daily physical training and fitness, healthy eating and wellness, school and community involvement, leadership skill development and the ability to work as a team.	Information Night: January 14, 2026 Apply between January 19 - February 6, 2026 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/elementary-regional-learning-choice-programs

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Grade 5	SciTech	The SciTech program features a focus on mathematics, science and technology grounded in the Ontario Curriculum. Inquiry-based learning demonstrates how science, technology and mathematics relate to us in everyday life.	Information Night: January 15, 2026 Apply between January 19 - February 6, 2026 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/elementary-regional-learning-choice-programs
Grade 5	International Business and Technology (IBT-Elementary School)	Program focused on developing skills in business and technology for middle school students	Information Night: January 8, 2026 Apply between January 19 - February 6, 2026 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/elementary-regional-learning-choice-programs
Grade 5	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IB- MYP)	Program for incoming grade 6 students Emphasis on building real world connections with the Ontario curriculum.	Information Night: January 7, 2026 Apply between January 19 - February 6, 2026 For more information: https://www.peelschools.org/elementary-regional-learning-choice-programs
Grade 4	CCAT- Abilities Screening Test	Many schools use these test results to identify students that would qualify for gifted programs. This test is also used to identify students "at risk".	Assessment Date vary by School or School District (Check with your child's school at the start of school year)