



Frequently Asked Questions

Accelerated Math, Accelerated Science, Honours Language Arts and Honours Social Studies Programs

Accelerated Math and Accelerated Science: Your child will complete grade 7, 8, 9 and 10 Science and/or Math curriculum in their Junior High School years.

Honours Language Arts: Students will read extensively, analyze critically, and pursue advanced proficiency in reading and writing. There will be a greater focus on creativity, the development of tone, the writer's voice, and in-depth literary analysis.

Honours Social Studies: A program that enhances the regular curriculum. Students will have the chance to create independent or small group projects that focus on a deeper understanding of Canadian history and how Canada became the country it is today. Students will have the opportunity to debate and create written responses based on a variety of sources and issues throughout the year. They will also be involved in elections that may be called during the school year. Through in-class and on-line discussions, students will discuss and expand on current events in Canada and around our world.

1. When are the dates for writing the focus programs entrance exams? All exams will be written at St. Rose Junior High School.

- **Accelerated Math and Accelerated Science** (one or both exams can be written on either date)
Thursday, February 20 (2:00 p.m. start) or Saturday, February 22 (9:00 a.m. start). Honours
- **Language Arts and Honours Social Studies** (one or both exams can be written on either date)
Thursday, March 6 (2:00 p.m. start) or Saturday, March 8 (9:00 a.m. start)

2. Is there anything my child can do to prepare for the entrance exam?

- The exam is designed to see how much of the grade six curricular outcomes the student can achieve, along with skill-based outcomes that extend into grade 7. Students may review their grade six course work for the related Accelerated and/or Honours course(s) they wish to pursue. There will be a reference guide posted to the website by February 1.

3. When will we find out if my child is accepted into the program?

- Letters of acceptance or non-acceptance will be mailed to applicants in April.

4. What should my student bring to write the entrance exams?

- Students should bring an HB pencil and a good eraser to all exams.

5. How long do the entrance exams take?

- Entrance exams usually take approximately 45 - 60 minutes to write. However, students may have up to 90 minutes maximum to complete each test.

6. Are students able to write two exams on one day?

- Yes, students may write the Honours Social Studies and Honours Language Arts exam on one day and the Accelerated Math and Accelerated Science exam on one day.

7. Can my child apply to be in only one of the focus programs?

- Yes. Students can apply for one, two, three or all four of the programs.

8. How does the school determine which students are accepted into the focus programs?

- The school Focus Programs Application Committee (Learning Team Coordinators, Accelerated Math teachers, Accelerated Science teachers, Honours Language Arts teachers, Honours Social Studies teachers and the school administration) will review each student's application. Based on **ADMISSION CRITERIA** (the St. Rose entrance exam, PowerSchool report or report card and teacher evaluation), the top students will be chosen for the program.

9. How do I sign up for my child to write one or all exams?

- Complete the [Exam Sign-up Request Form:](#)
- You will receive an email to confirm the date/time of the exam(s) your child is writing.