

TDSB's Secondary Specialized Programs and Arts-based schools: Student Participation Details

This document presents some demographic details for students participating in:

- Secondary Specialized Schools in the Arts
- International Baccalaureate Program
- Secondary Specialized Programs (e.g, Elite Athlete, Cyber Arts, STEM, etc.)

When compared to the TDSB secondary school student population as a whole, there is notable disproportionality in terms of student demographic representation in all three of these types of learning opportunities.

Extreme caution should be used in making any system-wide inferences about student learning opportunities represented in this data. The relative impact of these programs when compared to the entire system is very small. International Baccalaureate Programs only represent 2% of the secondary school population in 5 schools and secondary Specialized Schools in the Arts only represent 3% of students in four schools. Secondary Specialized Programs represent 10% of the secondary school population in over 20 schools. There are over 100 secondary schools in the TDSB and 71, 766 secondary school students. This data is not reflective of the overall opportunities for art learning across the TDSB or learning in general through the IB program or Secondary School Specialized Programs.

Secondary Specialized Schools in the Arts (SSA):

Total student population in TDSB: 71,766 (as of October 31, 2020)

Total student population in SSA: 2,476 (as of October 31, 2020)

Students' Self-Identified Race

Students that identify as White represent an estimated **58%** of students in SSA compared to **29%** for secondary school students across the TDSB.

In comparison, students that identify as Black only represent an estimated **5%** of SSA students compared to **11%** of the total TDSB secondary school population.

In addition when looking at SSA enrolment across all racial groups, with the exception of White students, every other racial group is underrepresented when compared to TDSB enrollment as a whole.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Total student population in TDSB: 71,766 (as of October 31, 2020)

Total student population in IB: 1,288 (as of October 31, 2020)

Students' Self-Identified Race and Parent/Caregiver Education

Students that identify as South Asian represent an estimated **40%** of students in the IB program compared to **23%** for secondary school students across the TDSB.

Students that identify as East Asian represent an estimated **26%** of students in the IB program compared to **12%** for secondary school students across the TDSB.

Students that identify as Black only represent an estimated **4%** of the IB program compared to **12%** of the total TDSB secondary school population.

When compared to the TDSB secondary school population, students enrolled in the IB program are disproportionately represented in households where they are living with both parents/caregivers.

Further, students enrolled in the IB program are disproportionately represented living with parents/caregivers that have a university level education.

Secondary Specialized Programs

Total student population in TDSB: 71,766 (as of October 31, 2020)

Total student population in Specialized Programs: 7,046 (as of October 31, 2020)

Students' Self-Identified Race

There are seven different types of [secondary Specialized Programs](#) (excluding IB) offered across the TDSB. When looking across programs overall, there are discrepancies between students' self-identified racial group compared to the overall TDSB population. However, there are programs that present more extreme discrepancies than others. Such as:

- Students that identify as White represent an estimated **63%** of students in the Elite Athlete program compared to **29%** for secondary school students across the TDSB.
- Students that identify as South Asian represent an estimated **66%** of students in the Leadership program compared to **23%** for secondary school students across the TDSB.
- Students that identify as White represent an estimated **55%** of students in the Arts Focussed program compared to **29%** for secondary school students across the TDSB.