



CENTRAL PROGRAM ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Secondary Schools Without a Boundary (SSWAB)

A simple guide to options, application choices and admission priorities

What are SSWABs? Five TDSB secondary schools are accessed through the Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions application and use a separate SSWAB priority structure for regular-program admission.

CTS

Central Technical School

CTA

Central Toronto Academy

DCTI

Danforth Collegiate & Technical Institute

NSS

Northern Secondary School

WTCS

Western Technical Commercial School

How to apply

STEP 1

Use the central application

Apply online through the Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions application process.



STEP 2

Choose your option(s)

You may apply to one Out-of-Area school and one SSWAB school, or both.



STEP 3

Rank if choosing both

If you select both an Out-of-Area option and a SSWAB option, rank your two choices as first and second.

First choice matters: guaranteed admission for eligible Priority 1 and Priority 3 applicants applies only when the SSWAB is selected as the first choice.

SSWAB admission priorities

1

Returning sibling

TEMPORARY

For 2027-28 entry only: the sibling must have been attending the requested SSWAB as of September 2024 and must be returning in 2027-28 (Grade 12).

Guaranteed only when the SSWAB is the first choice.

2

Technological Studies

30% of spaces in each grade are held for City of Toronto applicants committed to taking Technological Studies each year.

Applies at Central Tech, Danforth, Northern and Western. Applicants who qualify for Priority 3 are not eligible for Priority 2. Applicants not offered a seat through Priority 2 will be considered under Priority 4.

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Identified collegiate-area applicants

Harbord → Central Tech / CTA **Riverdale** → Danforth
North Toronto → Northern **Humberside** → Western

Guaranteed only when the SSWAB is the first choice.

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Toronto residents

Applicants living in the City of Toronto, including TDSB and non-TDSB students.

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Outside Toronto

Applicants living outside the City of Toronto. Applicants using the Out-of-Area Admissions process must reside in Ontario.

When applications exceed available spaces within a priority group, a random selection process is used.



SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHOUT A BOUNDARY

Special situations & other pathways

Most applicants can use page 1.

The following information applies only to specific schools, programs or circumstances.

School-specific details

CENTRAL TORONTO ACADEMY

No Technological Studies priority

Central Toronto Academy does not have Priority 2 Technological Studies seats.

What this means: eligible applicants are considered through the other SSWAB priorities that apply to them.

NORTHERN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Northern still has a small boundary

If Northern is your designated secondary school by address, you do not need a SSWAB application to attend its regular program.

Use **Find Your School** to confirm whether Northern is your designated school.

DANFORTH CTI / RIVERDALE CI

Riverdale has an entrance restriction

In-area students must apply to Riverdale CI by **March 1 of Grade 8** to be eligible to attend Riverdale.

Students moving into the Riverdale area after March 1 of Grade 8 are directed to **Danforth CTI**.

Different processes - not part of SSWAB admission

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Specialized Programs

Specialized Programs use a separate application process in November. A SSWAB application does not provide admission to a Specialized Program.

IPRC

Special Education Intensive Support Programs

Access is through the IPRC placement process only. ISP placements cannot be accessed through a SSWAB application.

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French Immersion

French Immersion follows its own "catchments" and Out-of-Area rules. It is not part of the SSWAB priority structure.

Before you apply

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Address matters

Your address determines your designated school and may affect Priority 3 or direct access to Northern. Address documentation may be required.

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Transportation

TDSB does **not** provide transportation for students attending through Out-of-Area Admissions.

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International fee-paying students

International fee-paying students do not use the Out-of-Area Admissions process and should contact the International Student & Admissions Office.

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Need help with the application?

Contact your current school for support. Application dates and current information are posted by the Central Program Admissions Office.

Use this guide to find the SSWAB information that applies to you.

For current application dates, complete details and additional information, visit the Central Program Admissions Office website.

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