

Elementary Alternative Schools Central Application and Admission Process



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We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe (A NISH NA BEE), the Haudenosaunee (HOE DENASHOWNEE) Confederacy and the Wendat . We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes accueillis sur les terres des Mississaugas des Anichinabés (A NISH NA BAY), de la Confédération Haudenosaunee (HOE DENA SHOW NEE) et du Wendat . Nous voulons également reconnaître la pérennité de la présence des Premières Nations, des Métis et des Inuit.

Welcome and Introductions

- ▶ Alex Tracey, Principal
- ▶ Audley Salmon, Associate Director
- ▶ Peter Chang, System Superintendent

How to Participate and Ask Questions



From a computer or smart device:

Click on Q&A at the bottom of the screen

Type your question into the window

We will do our best to answer as many questions as possible during the webinar.

Navigating the TDSB Website:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/>

Find your...

► **School**

By Home Address

By School Name

Elementary Programs

Secondary Programs

Alternative Schools

e-Learning Programs

French Programs

Out-of-Area Admissions

Special Education and
Inclusion Programs

Registration

PDF Map

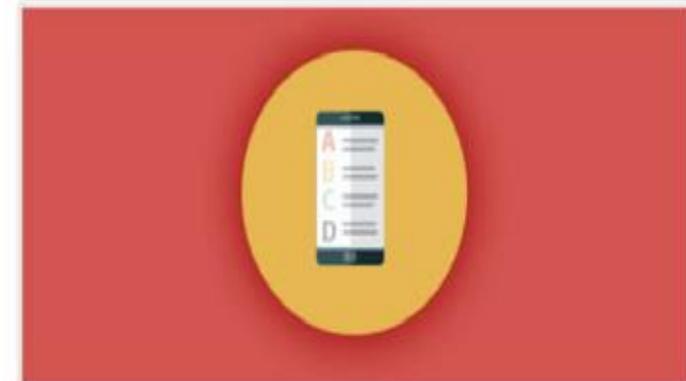
Find Your School

Find your designated school by address and explore other educational opportunities available through the TDSB.



By Home Address

Fill in your address in the search box



By School Name

Browse by alphabetical school listing

Find your...

► School

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Elementary Programs



Students are invited to explore options beyond their school designated by address. Take a look at our programs and see if there is something right for you!

[Alternative Schools](#)

Enjoy a smaller learning environment with learning approaches unique to the school.

[Central Student Interest Programs - Elementary](#)

We offer a variety of unique programs focused on the Arts.

[Elementary Academies](#)

Does your child have a passion for sports or music, developing their leadership skills or attending school with a focus on healthy, active living? If so, the Elementary Academies could be the right choice for them to explore their individuality and creativity within the TDSB.

[French Programs & French School Search](#)

Intensive French programs are available through Early French Immersion (JK start) and Mid-Immersion (Gr. 4 start).

[Indigenous Education](#)

Immerse yourself in a school where Indigenous values, spirituality, culture and language are throughout the school curriculum.

[Special Education and Inclusion](#)

Learn more about how students are supported in regular classes and in intensive support programs.



Alternative Schools

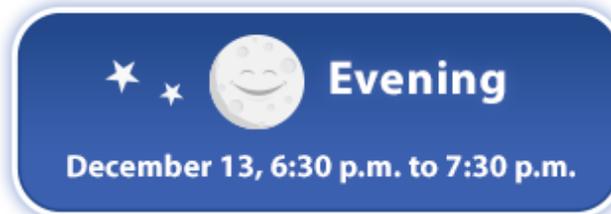
Select Elementary Schools to view a list of all the elementary schools



Alternative schools are highly engaged, smaller school environments. These schools are characterized by community collaboration, choice, inclusivity, and flexibility. Alternative schools use flexible methods of teaching in distinct learning environments to meet the needs of learners. They use diverse hands-on approaches to learning the required Ontario Ministry of Education Curriculum.

Both sessions will be recorded and posted on the website shortly afterward the webinars are completed.

Register for a Webinar Below:



Applying to an Elementary Alternative School

Elementary alternative schools are open to any resident of Toronto. Space in alternative schools is limited and students need to apply to attend an elementary alternative school.

The Elementary Alternative School online application will be available from **9:00 a.m. Monday, January 8, 2024, to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday January 31, 2024.** Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

Please note that transportation is not provided for any Elementary Alternative School.

Learn more about the Elementary Alternative Schools Application and Admission process – website will be available on December 11, 2023.

Parents/guardians/caregivers who require assistance with the application or access to technology can contact their current school or email EAS.Application@tdsb.on.ca.

Elementary Alternative Schools Online Application Process

Information about the application process can be found on the [Elementary Alternative Schools Application and Admissions webpage](#).

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Elementary Alternative Schools Entry Points

Junior Kindergarten

- ALPHA Alternative Junior School
- Avondale Elementary Alternative School
- Beaches Alternative Junior School
- da Vinci School
- Downtown Alternative School
- Equinox Holistic Alternative School
- Hawthorne II Bilingual Alternative Junior School
- High Park Alternative Junior School
- Mountview Alternative Junior School
- Scarborough Village Public School
- The Grove Community School

Grade 7

- City View Alternative Senior School
- Delta Alternative Senior School
- East Alternative School of Toronto
- Horizon Alternative Senior School
- Quest Alternative Senior School
- Spectrum Alternative Senior School

Important Information to Know Before Applying

Attend all relevant Open Houses/Information Nights to learn more about the school and their programs. Visit the [Elementary School Open Houses and Information Nights](#) webpage for details about the dates and times.

Learn about each school's educational philosophy and distinct pedagogy. This information will be available on the TDSB and school websites (<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Alternative-Schools>).

Parents/legal guardians/caregivers requiring support or do not have access to technology, please contact your child's current school for support or contact EAS.Application@tdsb.on.ca.

If a student wishes not to continue in an elementary alternative school, they must return to their designated school by address.

Transportation is the responsibility of the applicant.

Admissions Priorities

The TDSB will prioritize applicant admissions to elementary alternative schools in the following order:

- ▶ **Priority 1:** First Nations, Métis, or Inuit Peoples
- ▶ **Priority 2:** Applicants who have sibling(s) already at the school and returning in September
- ▶ **Priority 3:** After the placement of Indigenous students and applicants with siblings, 25% of any remaining spaces at every grade in each school will be allocated to applicants who are current TDSB students and self-identify in one or more of the following:
 - Black
 - Ethno-racial group (e.g., East Asian, Latinx, Middle Eastern, South Asian, Southeast Asian)
 - 2SLGBTQIA+ (only for students applying to Grades 7 and 8)
 - Students with a disability

Note for Priority 3: In order to maintain the minimum 25% of prioritized seats, if a Priority 3 student declines a seat, the first Priority 3 student on the waitlist will be offered this seat in advance of other students

Admissions Priorities (continued)

- ▶ **Priority 4:** TDSB Priority 3 applicants not not yet placed will be combined with other TDSB applicants for the remaining spaces
- ▶ **Priority 5:** Other applicants whose parents' /legal guardians' /caregivers' primary residence is in the City of Toronto (e.g., from independent/private schools, other school boards, home schooling, etc.) will be considered for placement if spaces are available.
- ▶ **Priority 6:** Applicants whose parents' /legal guardians' /caregivers' primary residence is outside the City of Toronto will be considered for placement if spaces are available

Important Information

The following considerations are in effect for the Form and Process:

- 1. Remove gender from the application form**
- 2. Two School Choices**
- 3. School Choice**
 - ▶ PRIMARY and ALTERNATE Choice (optional)**
- 4. Child cares at co-located schools will be on the website**
- 5. Admission to non-entry grades, where space is available**
- 6. Ensure 25% percentage of seats are prioritized for equity-deserving students**
- 7. Maintain sibling priority**

More Important Information

- ▶ **Sibling Applicants** must select their sibling's Elementary Alternative School as the **PRIMARY** choice
- ▶ **Application for Additional Students** - An application must be submitted for each student who wishes to enroll at an elementary alternative school.
- ▶ **Admissions of Twins or Multiples** - ONE application will be submitted for twins or multiples. Should that application be selected in the random selection process, two or more placements in the class will be taken **where space is available**.
 - If space is not available to seat both twins or all the multiples, the system will randomly select a sibling(s) to be seated. Sibling(s) not seated will be placed on the waitlist.
 - If applicants choose to have twins or multiples apply separately, individual applications will be submitted for each child, and the regular random selection process rules will apply. In other words, if one child is chosen, the twin/multiple(s) is not automatically granted acceptance or waitlisted by virtue of being a twin/multiple.

The Application Form

Online Application Form

The following information will be required when filling out the application form:

1. Student Information

- Student's Legal First, Middle, and Last Name Student's Date of Birth
- Student's Primary Home Address

2. Self-Identification *(optional - information is voluntary and confidential)*

3. School Choice

- **NEW!** - PRIMARY and ALTERNATE Choice (optional)

5. Sibling Information

- **NEW!** – PRIMARY Choice; Live in Toronto (M postal code)

6. Contact Information for Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver Section

7. Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Acknowledgement

- **NEW!** – Additional Acknowledgements

8. Summary

Important Instructions

“Required” button indicates mandatory information

Student Legal Last Name

As written on legal document such as birth certificate (Max 50 characters)

Student Legal First Name

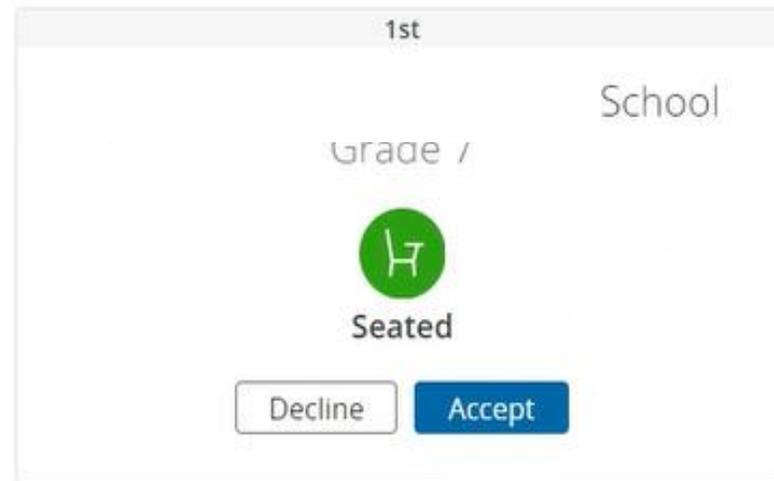
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- **Saving Information and Resuming at a Later Date**
- **Summary Page**
- **Submitting the Application**
- **Confirmation Email from noreplyregistration@powerschool.com**

What does an Offer of Placement look like? -SEATED-

Elementary Alternative Schools Application 2024-2025

Random Selection Process



A screenshot of a web application window titled "1st". The window displays a "School" name, "Grade 1", and a green circular icon containing a white chair symbol. Below the icon, the word "Seated" is displayed. At the bottom of the window, there are two buttons: "Decline" and "Accept".

What does an Offer of Placement look like?

-WAITLIST-

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Random Selection Process



What does an Offer of Placement look like?

-TWO SCHOOL CHOICES WAITLISTED-

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Random Selection Process

The image displays two screenshots of a school application interface, stacked vertically. Each screenshot shows a school name, a grade level, and a waitlist position.

1st Screenshot:
- School: [blurred] School
- Grade: Grade 7
- Waitlist Position: #79

2nd Screenshot:
- School: [blurred] School
- Grade: Grade 7
- Waitlist Position: #28

What does an Offer of Placement look like?

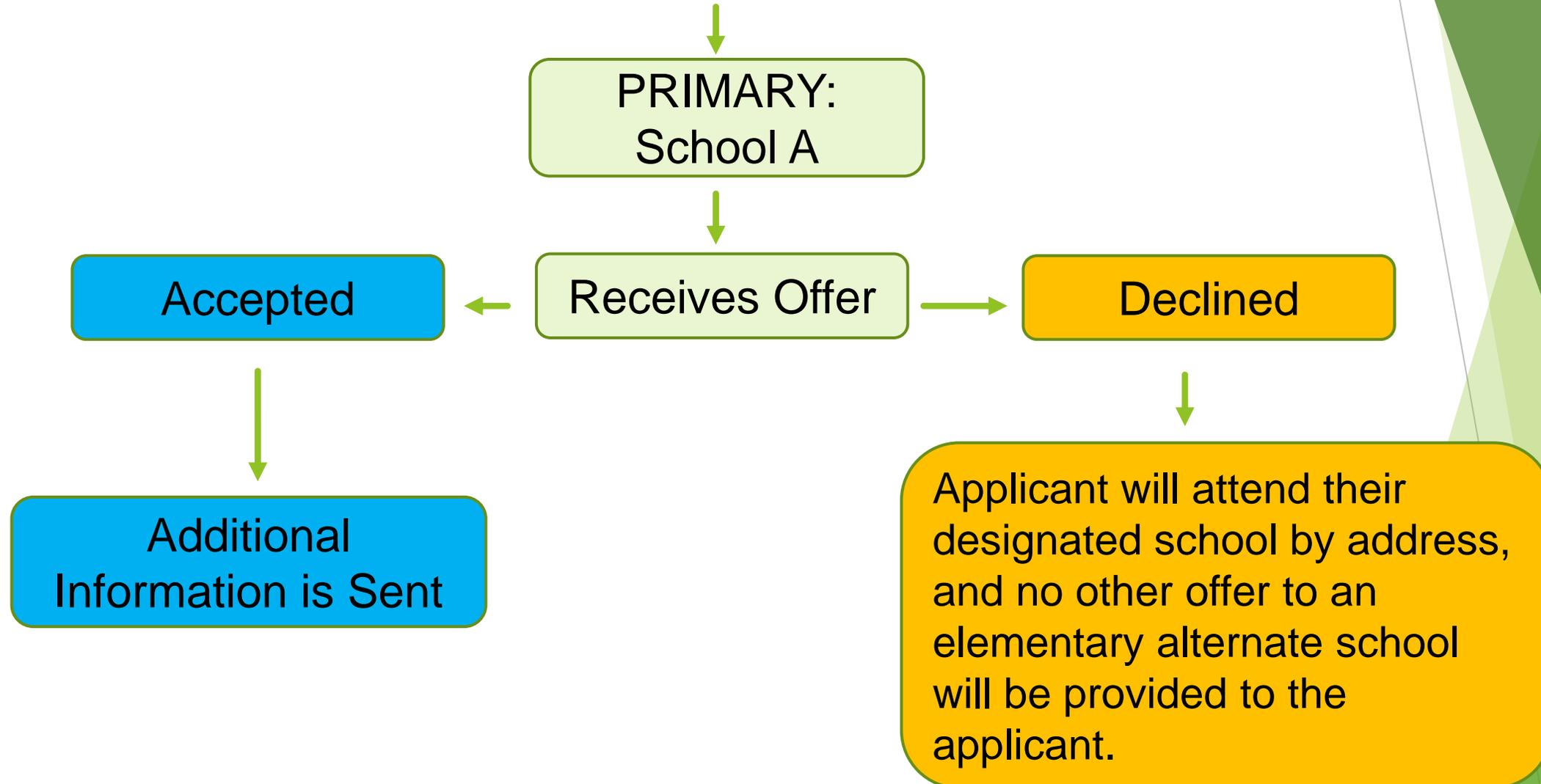
-TWO SCHOOL CHOICES. 1 OFFER & 1 WAITLIST-

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Random Selection Process

The image shows a digital interface for school selection. It consists of two vertically stacked panels. The top panel is titled '2nd' and displays 'Grade 7' and 'School'. A green circle with a white 'H' icon is centered, with the word 'Seated' below it. At the bottom of this panel are two buttons: 'Decline' (white with a grey border) and 'Accept' (solid blue). The bottom panel is titled '1st' and displays 'Grade 7' and 'r School'. An orange circle with a white 'L' icon is centered, with the word 'Waitlist' below it and 'Position: #2' in smaller text underneath. The interface is clean and uses a light grey background for the panels.

**Scenario 1:
Applicant applies ONLY to a PRIMARY School Choice
and receives offer**



Scenario 2: Applicant applies ONLY to a PRIMARY School Choice and is on waitlist

PRIMARY: School A

Waitlisted – no
available seats

Then in Placement Round 2...

Receives Offer

Accepted

Additional
Information

Declined

Applicant will attend their designated school by address, and no other offer to an elementary alternate school will be provided to the applicant.

Then in Placement Round 2...

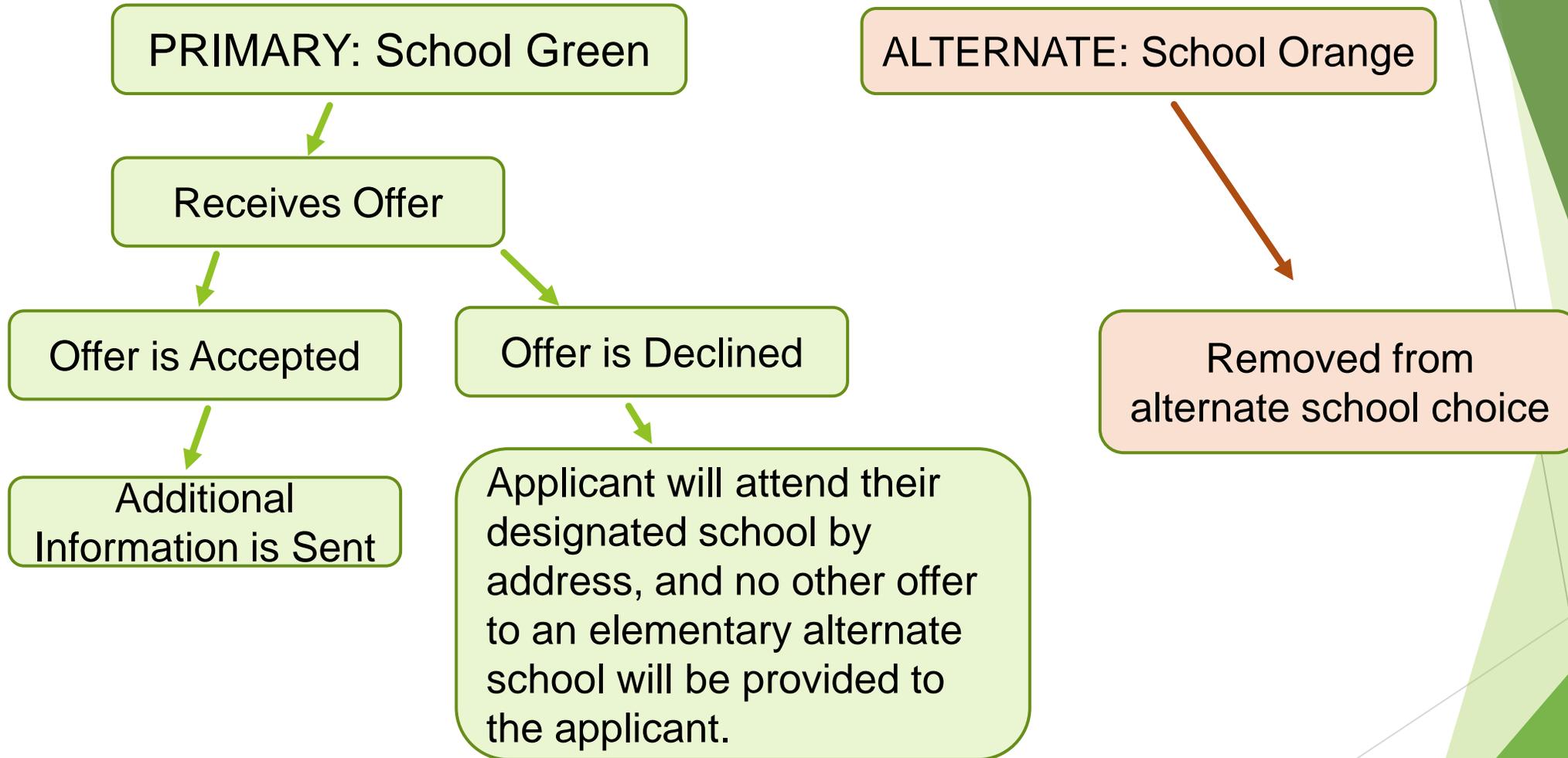
No offers are made due
to no available seats

Applicant is removed from waitlist once
the placement has been completed

Applicant will attend their designated school by address, and no other offer to an elementary alternate school will be provided to the applicant.

Scenario 3:

Applicant applies to a PRIMARY and ALTERNATE School Choice



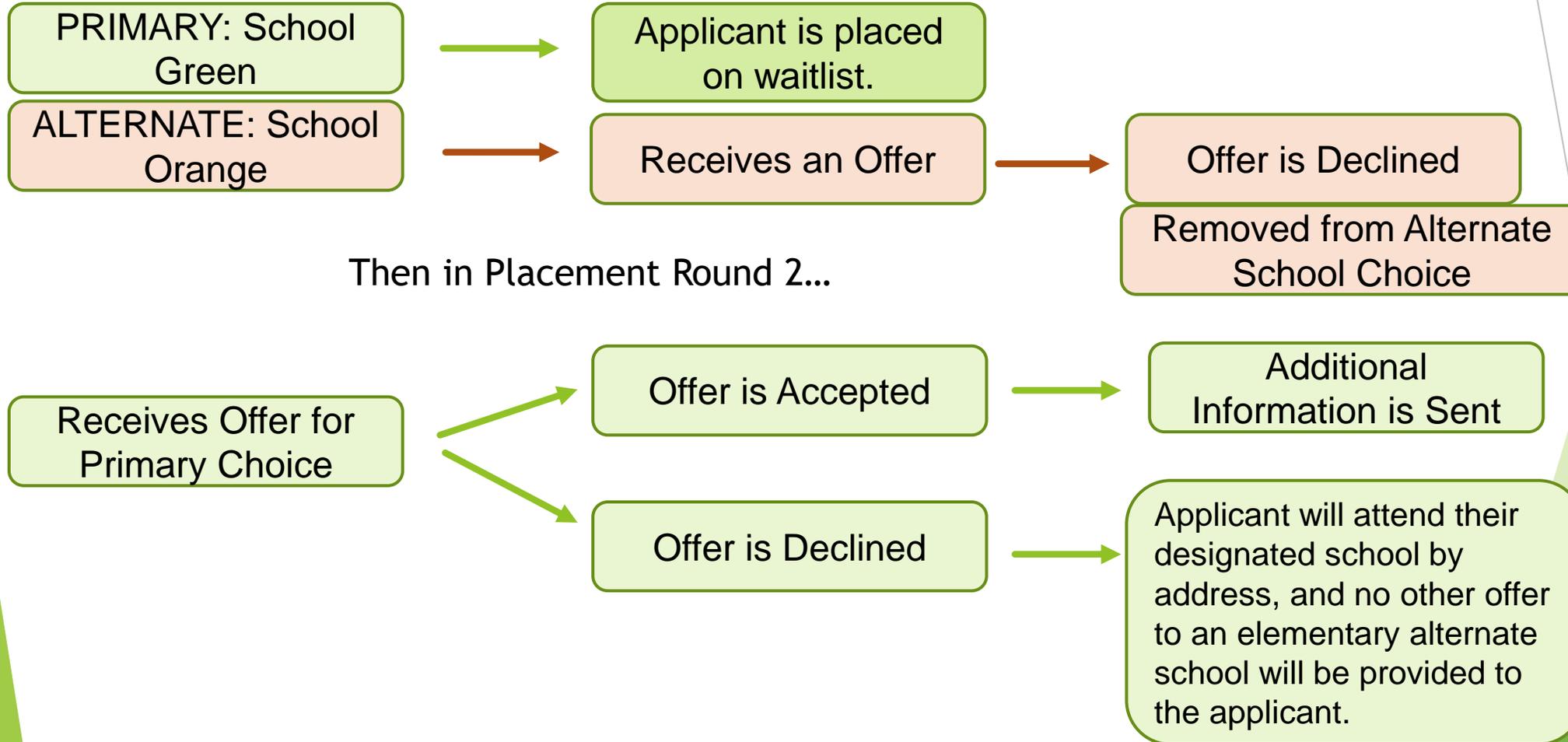
Scenario 4: Applicant applies to a PRIMARY and ALTERNATE School Choice



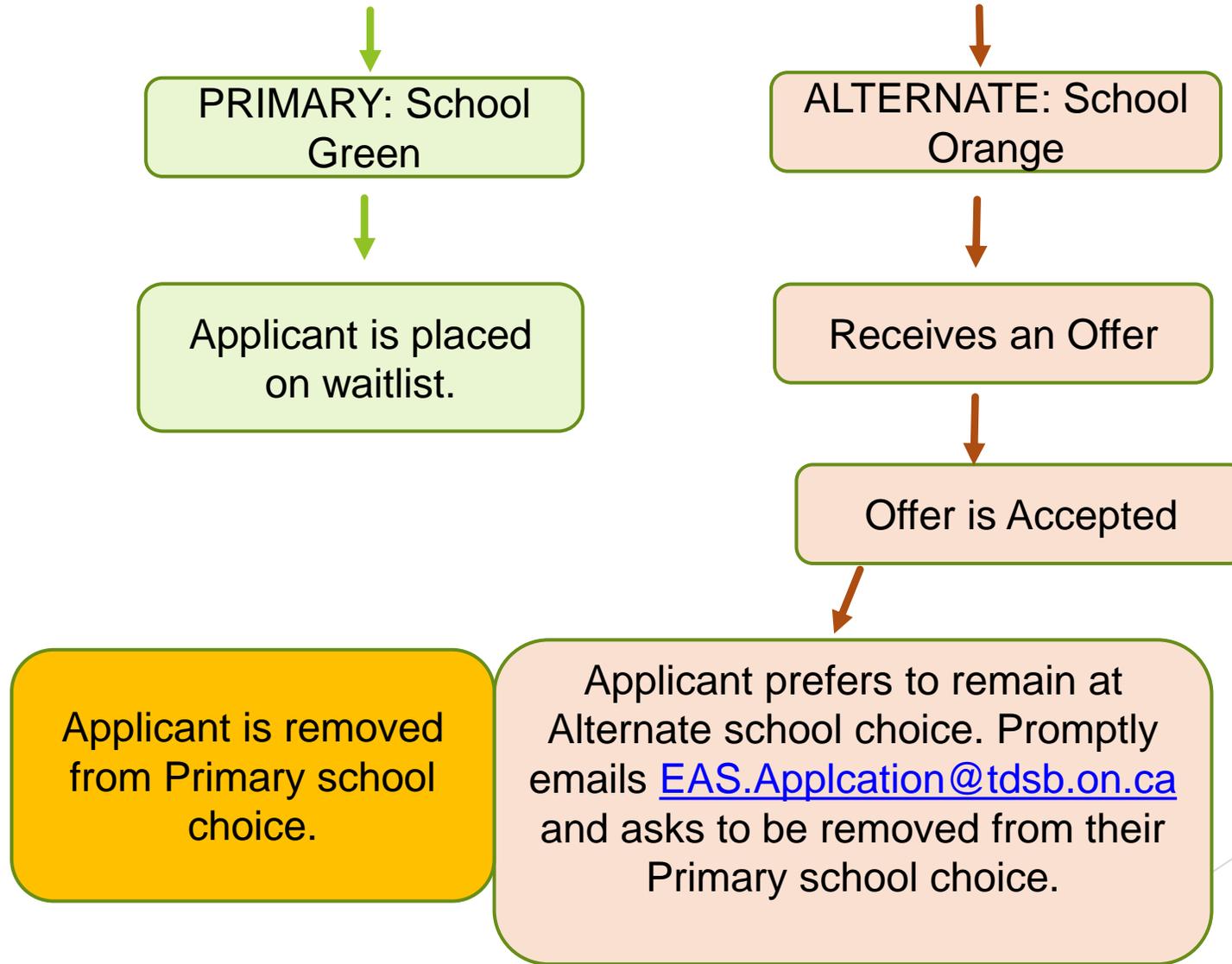
Then in Placement Round 2...



Scenario 5: Applicant applies to a PRIMARY and ALTERNATE School Choice



Scenario 6: Applicant applies to a PRIMARY and ALTERNATE School Choice



Important Dates

Date	
Monday, January 8, 2024, 9:00 am	Online applications available online
Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 4:00 pm	Online applications closed
Monday, February 26, 2024	Placement Offers, Round 1
Thursday, February 29, 2024, 4:00 pm*	By this time, accept or decline offer of placement
Friday, March 1, 2024	Placement Offers, Round 2, Waitlist is closed
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 4:00 pm*	By this time, accept or decline offer of placement

***Note:** If you do not accept or decline the offer of placement on or before the deadline, the offer will be automatically declined. The child will attend their designated school by home address.

Available Supports

If you have any questions or require additional support you can view the **Frequently Asked Questions** document, contact the school, or contact EAS.Application@tdsb.on.ca.