



Frequently Asked Questions

Accelerated Math, Accelerated Science

Accelerated Math and Accelerated Science: In grade seven your child will complete the grades seven and eight curricula. In grade eight your child will complete the grade nine level and in grade nine your child will complete grade 10.

1. When are the dates for writing the focus programs entrance exams?

- **Accelerated Math and Accelerated Science (one or both exams can be written on either date)**
Saturday, March 6 (9:00 a.m. start) or Thursday, March 11 (2:00 p.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 and grade seven curricular outcomes the student can achieve. Students may review their grade six course work for the related Accelerated course(s) they wish to pursue.

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 late March or early April. Parents/Guardians will receive an email confirming acceptance or non-acceptance; they will also be issued a letter confirming their application status.

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

- Students should bring an HB pencil and a good eraser to all exams.
- A calculator is required for the Math exam.

5. How long do the entrance exams take?

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

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

- The school Focus Programs Application Committee (Learning Team Co-ordinators, Accelerated Math teachers, Accelerated Science teachers, will review each student's application. Based on **ADMISSION CRITERIA**, the top students will be chosen for the program. **Up to** a maximum of 33 **may** be selected in each of the four classes. Note: The primary determining entrance requirement is the Entrance Exam.

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

- Refer to the *Exam Sign-up Request Form*. Fill out the dates and which exam(s) you would like your child to write and scan it to Christopher.Cicchini@ecsd.net or contact the office directly with your request. A reminder that there are no follow up calls made by the school for exam dates reminders.

8. What if my child is not selected for a specific focus program?

- Should you not be selected for one of these programs you are still encouraged to continue your registration application for École St. Cecilia School in the regular program. Historically, students in our regular classes are also extremely successful in junior high and beyond.