



Grade Eight Transition Information

Dakota Collegiate Fosters a safe, caring, and inclusive environment where students enhance their self-awareness, social responsibility and fulfill their academic potential.

To Parents & Guardians of Grade 8 Students,

For high school students looking to achieve a high standard of academic, vocational, athletic, and civic success, Dakota Collegiate Institute offers a progressive, inclusive high school experience delivered by a staff that is committed to deep engagement with students. By offering close to 100 elective courses, more than 60 extra-curricular activities and by using the latest digital teaching methodologies, Dakota graduates are well prepared to find their place as successful global citizens.

I am writing to communicate to you the upcoming plans that have been created to assist the transition of your child and all other grade eight students living in our catchment area to Dakota Collegiate. With the hopes of ensuring students' equitable access to high school programming and a smooth and positive transition.

Students currently attending Grade 8 at: Darwin, Hastings, Highbury, H.S. Paul, Lavallee, Victor Wyatt and Victor Mager, schools will attend Dakota Collegiate for their Grade 9 year. As part of the planning process, please review the steps below to ensure that your child is registered correctly.

Things to do to register your child at Dakota Collegiate:

Step One:

- Look over the **Grade 9 Elective Courses** on our website – <https://www.lrsd.net/dci/page/336>

Step Two:

- Attend the **Dakota Collegiate Open House** on February 23 at 7:00 p.m. An invitation with more information will be emailed out to all incoming families.

Step Three:

- Complete course request form by picking two elective courses and two alternate courses and return to home room teacher by February 24. Dakota Collegiate will assign compulsory courses (Lancer 360, English, math, science, social studies, and physical education). Complete the Internet and Systems Acceptable Use Agreement.

The following chart lists activities that Dakota and its catchment schools use to promote a smooth transition.

Date	Activity
February 2	Transition day. Incoming grade 8 students will attend a virtual meeting to learn about Dakota and their course options
February 24	Completed course request form and Internet and Systems Acceptable Use Agreement returned to Home Room Teacher
February 23 7:00 p.m.	Dakota Collegiate Open House
February 27- March 2	Dakota Collegiate will facilitate online registration
August-last week	Final Schedule and first day information will be available on the Tyler SIS Portal

The staff of Dakota Collegiate hopes that an understanding of these various activities will assist students and parents in a productive and positive transition to a new educational learning environment.

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Vice Principal