

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in Academic and Athletic Development (AAD). The Hockey Program, The Lacrosse Program, Sport Recreation and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu have been continually developed over the last fourteen years at Donnan School and Vimy Ridge Academy. **All students enrolled in an AAD program must attend Donnan or Vimy Ridge.** Application information for all AAD programs can be found online at www.aadie.ca.

We have worked very hard over the years to ensure that what we do is an integral part of a complete *alternative education* program. Whether on the ice, on the field or anywhere else, AAD promotes daily improvements within a full operational day of school with specialized training in identified times. The basic concept of our unique sports alternative environment does not mean a simple *school in the morning training in the afternoon* idea, instead both campuses operate in cooperation to meet the academic and athletic goals of students from the first a.m. bell to the last p.m. whistle. The goal is not only to promote the development of physical skills but also mental and emotional strengths that are vital in becoming a well-rounded individual with the capacity for achieving success in every endeavor.

There is no minimum academic or athletic requirement for admission. We do, however, expect that student athletes coming to an AAD program are passionate about physical activity and are willing to do the work necessary to improve slightly every day in their schoolwork, their athleticism and their ability to socialize with others to create a positive team spirit.

For a great many students the combination of increased physical activity and high performance standards has a positive effect on achievement in the classroom. For children with specific learning or behavioral difficulties, however, we offer no specialized programming (there are other excellent programs available in the public school system that are geared toward meeting the challenges faced by these students).

As a general rule, students will receive acceptance into the program on a first come, first served basis. We do often speak to previous teachers and coaches to determine if each student has a good chance of handling the specific physical, mental and emotional demands of their program. In some cases an interview with both the student and their parents may be held in order to clarify any issues that may potentially hamper the chance of experiencing success in our programs. We also work closely with school administration to keep class sizes at acceptable numbers (which may mean, for example, that we accept a grade 7 student that has applied after a grade 6 student if the grade 7 class is below capacity while the grade 6 class is full).

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program and the appropriate school. An enrollment quota for each program exists; further applicants will be placed on a waiting list once the quota is reached. **Financial arrangements must be in place immediately upon acceptance to hold your place for the upcoming school year.** If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

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