

DESTINATIONS

GRADE 7 and 8 DESTINATIONS
Thinking internationally,
learning for a lifetime



The Destinations Programme

The Destinations Programme is designed for Grade 7 and 8 students who are innately curious and passionate about learning. Through active inquiries, students will explore their role in the world, and further their sense of social justice. They will be given the opportunity to become active and responsible citizens who are internationally-minded and technologically savvy. In the Destinations classroom, students inspire and motivate each other to become life-long learners, and proficient digital navigators. Thus the programme develops students who take steps to create a better and more peaceful world.

The Destinations Programme is aligned with the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum for Grades 7 and 8. It is built on five central themes that guide our approach to teaching and learning.

Environment: fostering an awareness of humanity's interdependence with the environment and our responsibility as caretakers of the planet.

Learning Styles: reflecting on our capacity to be critical and creative thinkers, problem solvers and decision makers.

Community and Service: developing responsible citizens who will take action locally and internationally in the 21st century.

Health Living: encouraging a respect for the body and mind through an understanding of the health of the whole person.

Human Creativity: examining the human capacity to invent, create, transform and initiate change in the world.



Profile of the learner

The Destinations Programme develops students who are:

Inquirers

I am naturally curious. I am developing the skills necessary to conduct purposeful research for life-long learning.

Thinkers

I think before I act or speak and I try to understand issues to become a good decision-maker.

Communicators

I receive and express the thoughts and actions of others in more than one language, clearly and thoughtfully. I am reliable and accountable in my words and actions.

Risk-takers

I have strategies to help me problem-solve new situations and explore a variety of solutions. I have confidence in my abilities.

Collaborators

I value the opinions of others and show a willingness to work together towards a common goal. I enjoy learning from others and sharing my learning with them.

Knowledgeable

At school I have studied many global issues. I have developed a significant amount of knowledge and understanding.

Principled

I have a good understanding of moral issues and I can be counted on to do what is right. I have integrity, honesty, a sense of fairness, and I act in a sincere and respectful way.

Caring

I demonstrate concern for self and others. I show empathy and express genuine concern. I consider the long-term effects of my actions.

Open-minded

I am respectful of the cultures, traditions and values of people around the world. I listen and respect other points of view.

Well-balanced

I understand and value the importance of learning, personal fitness and health, and celebrating the fun in life.

Reflective

I give consideration to what I have learned. I examine my personal strengths and weaknesses so that I may improve my performance, decision-making, and outlook on life in a positive way.

Pathway options after Destinations

The Destinations Programme provides students with options when considering high school pathways. They have the opportunity to enter the Foundations Programme at Moira Secondary School in Grades 9 and 10. The Foundations curriculum develops the knowledge and skills required to succeed within the rigorous International Baccalaureate Programme.

The International Baccalaureate Programme is offered in Grades 11 and 12. It develops children's talents, teaching them to relate the classroom experience to world realities. Strong emphasis is placed on life-long learning, critical and compassionate thinking, and international understanding. The IB Programme aims to educate the whole person for a life of active and responsible citizenship.

Harry J. Clarke Public School

Harry J. Clarke Public School, located in the heart of Belleville's residential east end and close to the YMCA, serves approximately 700 students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Harry J. Clarke offers a French Immersion Program for students in Grades 4 to 8. In addition, an enriched program for Intermediate students called, Destinations, is located nearby at Moira Secondary School. Children in Junior and Senior Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes are located at the Sir Winston Churchill facility a few blocks away on MacDonald Avenue. Harry J. Clarke PS is a Healthy Active School Community. The school is proud of its library with bilingual resources, computers, well-equipped gym and a music room. All students have access to programs such as instrumental music, band, choir, clubs, team sports, intramural programs, and a student leadership team. Parents/guardians and the community are actively involved at this dynamic school.



Moira Secondary School

Moira Secondary School is committed to excellence in academics, athletics and arts. Students are encouraged to achieve their personal best.

Moira offers the International Baccalaureate Programme for Senior students, and hosts Junior students in the Destinations Programme. In addition, the International Student Program contributes to a diverse setting for all students.

Moira has several community partnerships which provide exceptional opportunities for students in all pathways in the arts, sciences, technology, community service and leadership.

Strong academic achievement is a focus at Moira Secondary School. The school provides valuable opportunities for students to improve and further develop literacy and numeracy skills. At Moira, students will find a full range of programs and activities to match their needs and interests.



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