

# The Grove Community School

## 2021 Application Package

We are delighted that you have decided to apply to our school.

*Your family is welcome here!*

The application for our school includes the following **3** documents:

1. The Grove Community School **Parent/Guardian Questionnaire**
2. The Toronto District School Board **Student Registration Form**
3. The Toronto District School Board **Optional Attendance Form**

(The principal at your home school must sign the optional attendance form.\*\*

Find your home school here: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/School/Byaddress.aspx>)

All **three** documents must be completed and signed in order to be eligible). If an application is incomplete or if it is submitted after the deadline, we regret that it cannot be entered into our lottery.

**\*\*INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET SIGNATURES FROM YOUR HOME SCHOOL PRINCIPAL THIS YEAR:** Because of the current school closures it is necessary for the system to adjust the Optional Attendance process due to the heightened need to reduce potential Covid-19 exposures. As such, the TDSB has authorized the following process which will be in place for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year should your child/ward be applying to a school via Optional Attendance:

- The parent/guardian will complete the Optional Attendance form and will email the completed form to home school principal. The form may be sent as a scan, a photo or a screengrab.
- The home school principal or designate (VP, office staff etc.) will sign and email the form(s) to The Grove
- The Grove will confirm receipt of the form(s) by way of email reply to the home school.
- The home school will communicate with families that the Optional Attendance Form was signed, sent and received by The Grove school.
- The home school principal or designate will track optional attendance applications to ensure that TDSB policies are being followed.
- More information is available at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Optional-Attendance>

### Key Dates:

**February 2nd, 6:30-8:00pm:** The Grove Online Open House – all are welcome & all questions are welcomed; please email [chair2@thegrovecommunityschool.ca](mailto:chair2@thegrovecommunityschool.ca) to register and receive the zoom meeting link

**February 3rd:** We will begin accepting applications, please email to:

[the\\_grove\\_community\\_school@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:the_grove_community_school@tdsb.on.ca) with “Grove Application 2021” in the Subject line.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm:** DEADLINE for Application forms, due by email by 4pm

**March 5th:** Deadline for parents/guardians to be informed of the status of the application request

**March 26th:** Parents/guardians must inform The Grove school of their acceptance of the offer

Children who do not receive a spot will be placed on the wait list and families will be contacted should a spot become available. Questions about our application process can be directed to our Office Administrator, Sharon Nodello, at 416-393-9150 (mornings only).

Questions about parent council can be directed to our Parent Council Executive at [executive@thegrovecommunityschool.ca](mailto:executive@thegrovecommunityschool.ca).

Thank you,

The Grove Community School Parent Council

## The Grove Community School - Parent/Guardian Questionnaire

This questionnaire is intended to help prospective families clarify for themselves if The Grove will be a good fit for your family. It does not determine who is entered into the lottery, and there are no wrong answers. After you have accepted a spot at The Grove for your child, this questionnaire will be shared with our Parent Council so they can help identify ways that your family may contribute to the Grove community.

One of the ways our school and community is unique is the level of parent involvement. We hope that new parents will commit to spending time each month volunteering at the school. Please don't let this dissuade you from applying as we always work with parents to find ways for them to help out the school without it unduly impacting work and/or family commitments. With your help, we can make a difference!

1. What is your child's full name? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please tell us why you feel that The Grove is a good fit for your child:

3. Please share how you might volunteer your time as a community member:

4. How did you hear about The Grove? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please confirm:*

**I/we have read The Grove Community School Open House Package.**

**I/we support and agree to help uphold The Grove Community School's core values of: (i) Equity, Diversity, and Social Justice, (ii) Ecological Sustainability and Environmental Justice, and (iii) Community Engagement and Activism.**

Parent/Guardian 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) Signature Date

Parent/Guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable) Name (please print) Signature Date

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### The Grove Community School - Equity Admissions Pilot Program

We are committed to providing equity of access to learning opportunities for all students. Many alternative elementary schools are not proportionally representative of the diverse student population in the TDSB.

In order to explore further the possibility of making our elementary alternative schools more reflective of our schoolboard-wide student population, we advocated for and have been granted permission by the TDSB to participate in a **pilot admission process that reserves 25% of Junior Kindergarten openings at The Grove for students who are from the diverse populations listed below**. Please note that participating in this proposed pilot is voluntary.

As part of the Board’s strategic efforts and commitments to advance equity and inclusion, and ensure nondiscrimination, The Grove Community School encourages applications from families that represent the full diversity of communities in Toronto. If you feel comfortable, please check all the boxes below that apply to your child.

Indigenous:  
please specify: \_\_\_ First Nations \_\_\_ Métis \_\_\_ Inuit

Racialized / a child of colour:  
please specify: \_\_\_ Black \_\_\_ Latinx \_\_\_ South Asian  
\_\_\_ Middle Eastern \_\_\_ East/Southeast Asian  
\_\_\_ Multiple ethnicities (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
\_\_\_ Prefer to self-describe (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )

Gender independent / LGBTQ2S

*Personal information contained on this form or general information collected on behalf of the Toronto District School Board regarding the student is collected under the authority of the Education Act and in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and could be used for education, transportation and health and safety purposes and/or to track the success of the Equity Admissions Pilot Program. For further information, please contact Sudeep Sunyal, Principal.*

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