

## TRANSPORTATION

- All identified gifted students living further than 4.8 km from the school (as per Board Policy 203) have access to transportation to the nearest PACE center.\*
- Grade 8 students previously enrolled in a PACE centre entering high school, will be eligible for transportation.\*
- *Approved level 4 students, as per admission criteria, will not be eligible for board transportation and should make their own arrangements.*

**\*Note: All students living within 4.8 km distance (as per Board Policy 203) are not eligible for transportation**

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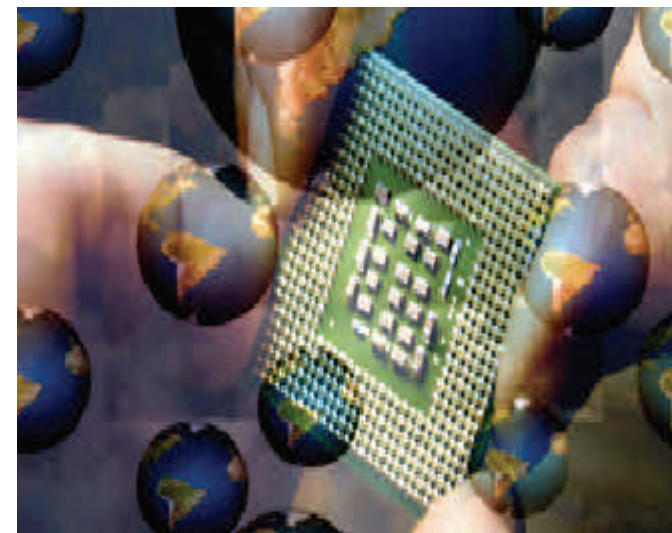
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## PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC AND CREATIVE EXTENSION



**ADVANCED PLACEMENT**  
*Harness the Power of Your Mind.*



Learning Together in Christ  
*Engaging, Enabling, Empowering*

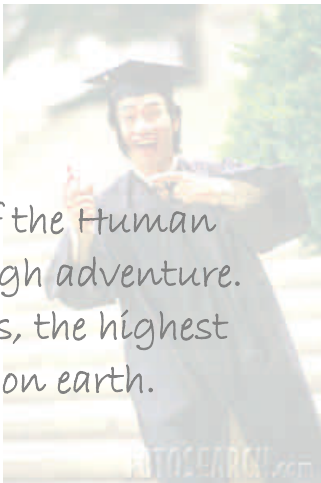
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## SECONDARY PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC AND CREATIVE EXTENSION (PACE)

The York Catholic District School Board has elected to identify the preparation for the Advanced Placement Program as the curriculum extensions for gifted students. The Advanced Placement Program (AP) is an international program written by university professors, which allows students to write an exam in a specific area. Successful completion of the exams earns them credits or advanced standing at most universities in Canada and abroad.

In addition to earning an Ontario grade 12 university level credit, students will have the opportunity to earn a first year university credit. Students enrolled in the program will be well prepared to meet the challenge of university courses.

*The Growth of the Human  
Mind is still high adventure.  
IN many ways, the highest  
adventure on earth.*



## DELIVERY OF THE PROGRAM

The preparation courses for the AP program, (Pre-AP courses), have been developed by York Catholic District School Board teachers in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, as well as Canada and World Studies. The grade 9, 10, and 11 curriculum expectations have been modified/extended to vertically align with the grade 12 AP expectations, that are evaluated on the international AP subject examination.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE LEARNER

- Students who are identified as gifted learners through the Identification, Placement and Review committee process (IPRC); or,
- Students who are not identified but are on an SE5(a), and have participated in the elementary PACE program; or,
- Students who are not identified, but are achieving consistently at a level 4 (as indicated on their report cards) and have excellent learning skills.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Identified students have a direct entry through the IPRC process.
- SE5(a) students have a direct entry through the grade 8 transition meeting.
- Non-identified students (level 4)\* that are not currently in the elementary PACE program may be admitted through an application process.

*\*Admission of Students, outside the school boundary, will be contingent upon the secondary principal approval according to board policy.*

## COURSE LOAD

- All students enrolling in the PACE/AP program in grade 9 will take the following Pre-AP courses: English, Science, Geography and Mathematics.

## ASSESSMENT POLICY

Students will be evaluated according to the Ministry of Education Assessment and Evaluation Policy document.

- Students will be assessed and evaluated according to the curriculum expectations in the policy documents for Math, Science, English, and Canadian and World Studies.
- In addition, students have the opportunity to earn up to 5% towards their midterm and final grade in each of these courses.