

WELCOME!



WHO WE ARE

Royal West Academy is a **public high school** within the EMSB that operates under Section 240 of the Education Act. This classification permits RWA to select students without regard to school of origin, as long as the candidate has a Certificate of Eligibility for English instruction.

ORIGIN OF ROYAL WEST ACADEMY STUDENTS

Our students
come to RWA
from over
100 schools.



School fees are below \$250 for the year

(subject to change by the RWA Governing Board)

This includes course materials, a Student Agenda, the school yearbook, and a large part of the ECA program. Additional fees for opportunities like trips, volleyball, and our musical production may apply if your child chooses to participate.

ECA

Students complete three ECAs from *four* ECA categories annually:

- **culture**
- **community service**
- **environment**
- **sport**

ECA

These activities can take place:

- before or after school,
- at lunch, or
- on weekends.

Students at Royal West Academy wear a school uniform.

The uniform helps create a positive school culture and identity.



Parental involvement is an integral part of life at Royal West Academy.

Parent volunteer opportunities include:

- The Home and School Co-op
- The RWA School Library
- Dance Chaperones
- Science Fair Judges
- Coaches
- Graduation Ceremony Cocktail
- Governing Board Members
- Parent Participation Organization
- RWA Foundation

WHAT WE DO

The academic program at Royal West Academy exceeds the minimum standards set by the *Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ)*.

Electives offered in Secondary IV & V may include:

- Enriched Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Spanish (introductory & advanced)
- Digital Graphics
- 3D Modeling & Animation
- Sound Engineering
- Film
- Intro. to Psychology
- Visual Arts
- Leadership & Leisure Studies
- Music
- Computer Programming
- Human & Physical Geography

The Instrumental Music Program features:

- Marching Band
- Concert Bands
- Jazz Band
- RWA Winds
- Annual Band Trip
- Sound Engineering (Senior)
- A Capella Choir
- Glee Club



Each grade level is offered an outing, or **grade-level trip**:

- Sec.V: New York, NY
- Sec. IV: Mont Sainte-Anne (skiing)
- Sec. III: Washington, DC
- Sec. II: Stoneham (skiing)
- Sec. I: Camp (Laurentians)



WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

STAFF & FACILITIES

STAFF

Royal West Academy is proud of its **hard working and conscientious staff** who put in many extra hours.

HOMEROOM TEACHER

teacher who follows student's progress and acts as a liaison between the home and the school during their four years through Secondary II to V

Guidance Professionals, Special Education Technicians, Spiritual and Community Animator, School/Community/ECA Coordinator, Youth Counsellor, and MindPOP Teacher

all students have access

CIUSSS NURSE AND SOCIAL WORKER

are available for consultation (3 Days/Week)

MINDPOP @ RWA

mindful • plan • organize • prioritize

**Strategies for student
success**

MINDfulness

Planning

Organizing

Prioritizing

MindPOP PROGRAM

- Offers learning and life strategies to Secondary I students
- Aims to facilitate transition to high school
- Basic components of mindfulness are introduced
- Each day includes a mindful moment
- Mindful qualities & mindsets are weaved into various classes (once per month)
- One-binder system
- Home-filing system
- After-school planner
- Includes 3 Parent Seminars



Topics Covered Include:

- Mindsets
- Learning styles
- How to prepare for exams
- Oral Presentations
- Test-taking tips
- How to chunk long-term projects
- Social interactions/social media



FACILITIES

5 Science Labs

Full Service Cafeteria

- meals are subsidized by EMSB
- main course for \$4.25
- breakfast \$1.00

2 Art Rooms

Performing Arts Center

3 Playing Fields

2 Music Rooms

2 Gyms

Dance Studio



FACILITIES CONT'D

- Library with PCs and Mac Laptops
- French, English, and Spanish collections

- 3 Computer Labs and 6 Mobile Computer Labs
- 3-D Printers
- Virtual Reality Systems

We are **NOT** a “bring your own device” school. We provide student laptops and iPads as needed.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENT PROFILE

Essential Characteristics:

- Motivated and conscientious
- Open to trying new and exciting things
- Enjoy working collaboratively toward a common goal
- Accepting of differences and open to exploring diversity in all its forms



PROCEDURE/CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Royal West Academy attracts more applicants than it can accept. The selection process established by the school is as follows:

- On-time applications to the school are considered first.
- Applications are accepted from any student eligible for English language education.
- All applicants, **regardless of school of origin**, are treated equally.
- We do not have a sibling policy.

QUALIFYING TESTS

- Applicants for Secondary I write tests for English, French, and Math
 - 45 minutes each
 - all multiple-choice
 - ***Math qualifying test is offered in both English & French***
- Applicants must bring:
 - **2-HB pencils**
 - **an eraser**
 - ***no calculator or cell phone is permitted***
- **There is no additional penalty for wrong answers.**

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- All applications must be accompanied by previous school records.
- The cumulative **Grade 5 report** (June 2023) is particularly important.

UPDATES TO APPLICATION STATUS

Based on the results of the Qualifying Tests and the Report Cards, applicants will be notified in October by letter of:

- an offer of **early acceptance**
OR
- the date and time of their **interview**
OR
- our **inability to offer placement.**

INTERVIEWS

- 200-300 applicants are interviewed with their parent/guardian.
- include a French language component.
- help determine willingness to participate in all aspects of school life.



POST-INTERVIEW

- Our **selection committee** reviews the interview report, and all submitted documents, to make the final decision concerning each applicant.



By December, all letters (acceptance, wait list, or refusal) will be sent to all applicants who have been interviewed.

Wait list candidates will be notified at a later date if, and when, they can be accommodated.

If your child's address is outside of the territory of the **English Montreal School Board**, then you must apply for an

INTER-BOARD AGREEMENT

from your local school board (e.g. Lester B. Pearson School Board, etc.) to enroll at Royal West Academy.

Please contact your local school board for additional information on this procedure.

You are asked to wait until acceptance is confirmed before making the request for an inter-board agreement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Results of Qualifying Tests are kept strictly confidential.
- Interviews start as soon as possible and run through December.
- You will be notified of any other factors that may affect your child's application to Royal West Academy.



DON'T CALL US, WE'LL CALL YOU!

We will contact each applicant regarding the interview time. Due to the large number of applicants, it is not possible to reschedule an interview appointment.

**Thank you for your interest in
Royal West Academy!**



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