



# H.J. Cambie Secondary School

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## Pathways Program Applications for students new to the program



Dear Applicant:

The Pathways enrichment leadership program is offered to students in Grade 8, 9 and 10. This program offers an integrated unit of study that combines theme-based, enriched academic courses in English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Physical and Health Education. The pillars of the Pathways Program are leadership development, social responsibility, and academic excellence. Students continue to select their preferred elective course.

### **Overview**

Students in the **Pathways Program** are scheduled together for these four courses:

- English Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical and Health Education

Aside from these enriched courses, the Pathways program offers:

- fieldtrips
- leadership in the community
- outdoor education

This integrated program is focused on creating a challenging and enriched learning environment while developing the skills needed to become the strong, upstanding leaders of the future which include creativity, initiative, confidence, innovation, adaptability, effective communication skills, resilience, and an understanding of the importance of giving back to your community form the foundation of this program. The Pathways Program follows this format through to Grade 10, followed by opportunities to pursue additional advanced placement (AP), enriched and honors courses in grades 11 and 12.

The Pathways Program promotes a focus on leadership skills through the integration of thematic units of study, cross-curricular connections, field trips and community service. The world is changing, and the needs of our students are changing with it. Increasingly, universities (and employers) are looking for candidates that offer more than just a stellar academic record – they are looking for confident, creative and vibrant “individuals” who understand the need for “we” as opposed to “me”. The Pathways Program is an ideal start for tomorrow’s leaders.

This package contains a series of application forms that you will need to complete and submit to H. J. Cambie Secondary School. Please complete the forms as carefully and accurately as possible as the information requested here is an important part of the process for selecting successful candidates for this exciting program.

Please contact the school at 604-668-6430 or by email at cambie@sd38.bc.ca if you have any questions about the application process or the program.

## **Pathways Application Timeline**

### **Student & Parent Information Meeting**

**January 23, 2018**

- 8:00pm as part of Cambie Showcase Open House

### **Grade 8 Student Application Package Due:**

**January 30, 2018**

- Completed Application form (p. 3 of this package)
- Completed Application questions (p. 4 of this package)
- Copy of most recent report card
- Confidential Teacher Referral Form (p. 5/6 of this package)
- Student Interviews & Writing Sample

**February 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

### **Grade 9 & 10 Student Application Package Due:**

**February 9, 2018**

- Completed Application form (p. 3 of this package)
- Completed Application questions (p. 4 of this package)

### ***Selection Criteria***

The selection process for this program is based on:

- a desire to pursue leadership opportunities in the school and community
- social maturity and strong interpersonal skills
- academic ability and effective work habits

*Note: The number of students who can join the Pathways program in grade 9 & 10 will depend on the number of spots open. This will vary from year to year.*



## **H.J. Cambie Secondary Pathways Program Application Questions**

Please answer the following questions in detail (you may choose to answer the questions on a separate piece of paper). Please ensure your answers are handwritten and should be in sentence form.

1. Tell us about your areas of interest, hobbies and the extra-curricular activities you are involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What do you think are your greatest strengths as a person? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Describe two qualities that you are working on to improve yourself as a person.

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4. Why do you want to join the Pathways Program? What do you hope to get out of the program?

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5. We all experience challenges and obstacles in life, and at times are faced with failure. Describe a time when you were unsuccessful at something and how you responded to it? What did you learn through this experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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# H. J. Cambie Secondary Pathways Program

## Confidential Teacher Referral Form

### Required for Grade 8 Applicants only

Please send directly to H.J. Cambie no later than February 1, 2018. You are welcome to scan this document once completed and email to [cambie@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:cambie@sd38.bc.ca) or fax to 604-668-6132.

The information you provide is very important to us, as it will assist us in our selection process.

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

In the section below, please use a 1-4 scale to indicate the characteristics or behaviour of this student. 1 is "Does not meet expectations", 2 is "Minimally meets expectations", 3 is "Fully meets expectations" and 4 is "Exceeds expectations".

#### RESPECTFUL:

Accepting of others	1	2	3	4
Works well in groups	1	2	3	4
Can follow directions	1	2	3	4
Behaves with maturity	1	2	3	4
Listens attentively to others	1	2	3	4

#### RESPONSIBLE:

Can work independently	1	2	3	4
Attends regularly and on time	1	2	3	4
Shows determination and perseverance	1	2	3	4
Completes classwork and homework	1	2	3	4
Uses technology responsibly	1	2	3	4
Is curious and asks thoughtful questions	1	2	3	4
Willing to try new things and take risks	1	2	3	4
Manages time and remains organized	1	2	3	4

#### READY TO SUCCEED:

Has a positive attitude	1	2	3	4
Highly motivated	1	2	3	4
Demonstrates leadership	1	2	3	4
Demonstrates enthusiasm for learning	1	2	3	4
Sets high goals and standards	1	2	3	4
Sense of humour	1	2	3	4

Comments (optional)

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The information provided is completely CONFIDENTIAL. Please return this form directly to Cambie through the district mail, email, fax or drop off directly in our school office.

**We greatly appreciate the time you commit to this referral!**

Although it is difficult to summarize the attributes of this student in a single number, it would be helpful if you can rate the suitability of this student for the Cambie Pathways program on a four point scale. The Pathways program is for students who are motivated and who are interested in going above the curriculum in various areas. It is not only for the top academic students, but those who have demonstrated characteristics and attitudes outlined above.

Please circle below:

1. Not Suited      2. Somewhat suited      3. Well suited      4. Very well suited

Thank you from the Cambie Pathways team.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_