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"TOGETHER AS ONE" we are committed to strengthening our caring community, to embracing diversity and to fostering life-long learning

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute is a publically-funded high school, located in the downtown core of the City of Kitchener, in the Region of Waterloo in South Central Ontario, Canada. The Region is a unique blend of three vibrant urban cities and four scenic rural townships.

Waterloo Region has a diverse population of over half a million people. The population is both culturally and economically mixed. For new immigrants, Waterloo Region is among the top ten Canadian destinations. At least 75 different languages are spoken in the homes of our students, and 20% of the population has a mother tongue other than English or French (Canada's official languages).

Similarly, the Region is economically varied. The largest percentage of the population is employed in manufacturing, although the economy is becoming more diverse. Significant numbers of people are employed within healthcare, educational services, financing, insurance, and the scientific and technological industries. Waterloo Region is home to Wilfred Laurier University and the University of Waterloo, Conestoga College, and three notable think tanks (the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, the Centre for International Governance Innovation, and the Institute for Quantum Computing).

Cameron Heights is the largest of the 22 publicly funded schools in the Region

and draws over 1800 students from a 70 kilometre radius. It has the most multicultural student body in the area and provides a wide range of educational programs for students. Learning options include a magnet International Baccalaureate Programme, an International Studies Program, the Ontario Secondary School academic stream (university track), the Ontario Secondary School applied stream (community college track), and a Life Skills program. Also available are Cooperative Education programs and Continuing Education programs at both night and summer school. Yet, within this diverse mix, over 800 students are registered in the IB Programme, and over 80% of the student population is enrolled in the academic stream. Results from the mandatory Ontario provincial Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Math (Grade 9) test, and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) (Grade 10) test, place academic students from CHCI above the provincial averages with no gender gap in the math results.

Students at Cameron have a strong school spirit, and most are engaged in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Built in 1969, the facility offers a triple gym (used for regional championships), a fully equipped recording studio and a community indoor pool. As well, partnership with the City of Kitchener enables the staff and students to utilize an exceptional range of outdoor facilities that include a 400 metre track, tennis courts, and well-groomed soccer

Recent University Placements

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| Brown | Eastman School of Music |
| Princeton | U. of Southampton, UK |
| Harvard | St Andrews, UK |
| Carnegie Mellon | U. of Hong Kong |
| Cornell | U. of Toronto |
| Brigham Young | McGill |
| Goshen | U. of British Columbia |
| Houghton | Dalhousie |
| San Francisco State | Glen Gould Professional School |
| Mount St Mary's, Md | Queen's |
| University of North Carolina | Western |
| Oxford, UK | U. of Calgary |
| McMaster | Vanderbilt |
| U. of Waterloo | |

and football fields. CHCI is also a fully wheelchair accessible high school. Students are involved in over 50 extra-curricular clubs and 30 sports teams. Cameron has one of the largest Student Activities Council in the Region with over 80 selected student representatives. Numerous fundraising and charity opportunities thrive with student participation. Extra-curricular musical options consist of several choirs and bands. Students at Cameron create and contribute to an exhilaratingly diverse school community through exciting, organized, non-credit activities. In June 2019, CHCI will celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

At Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute our school mission statement, "Together as One" is embodied by our students who embrace diversity, strengthen their community, and lay the foundation for life-long learning.

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA

In order to earn an OSSD a student must:

- Earn 30 credits:
 - 18 compulsory and 12 optional credits
- Complete 40 hours of community involvement activities
- Successfully complete the provincial secondary school literacy requirement

Compulsory Credits

- 4 English (one per grade)
- 3 Mathematics
 - at least one in Grade 11 or 12

- 2 Science
- 1 French as a Second Language
- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 Canadian History
- 1 Arts
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- 0.5 Career Studies and 0.5 Civics

GROUP 1: 1 additional credit in English or French as a second language* or a Native language or Classical or International

language or Social Science and Humanities or Canadian & World Studies or Guidance & Career Education, or Cooperative Education*

GROUP 2: 1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education or Arts or Business Studies or French as a Second Language* or Cooperative Education*

GROUP 3: 1 additional credit in Grade 11 or 12 Science or Grades 9-12 Technological Education or French as a Second Language* or Computer Studies or Cooperative Education*

*A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education and French as a Second Language can count as compulsory credits. **Students who pursue an International Baccalaureate Diploma must earn two diplomas, the OSSD and the IB diploma. Thus they must meet the requirements for both diplomas.



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ONTARIO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION GRADING SCALE

| ONTARIO LETTER GRADE | ONTARIO PERCENTAGE EQUIVALENCY |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| A+ | 90-100% |
| A | 85-89% |
| A- | 80-84% |
| B+ | 75-79% |
| B | 70-74% |
| C+ | 65-69% |
| C | 60-64% |
| D+ | 55-59% |
| D | 50-54% |
| F | 50% & Below |

CAMERON HEIGHTS INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM



Cameron Heights is proud to be an accredited member of the distinguished group of schools offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and is equally proud to be the first publically funded school to bring the IB Programme to secondary school students in the Region of Waterloo and beyond. Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute has been an IB World School since 2002. Each year more than 400 students submit applications to the Cameron Heights IB Programme. The applications are reviewed by the IB Admissions Committee which grants acceptance to 220 students who have demonstrated high academic standing, superior academic potential, and intellectual curiosity. In Grade 9 and Grade 10, students participate in an IB Studies Programme designed to cover the Ontario curriculum at an accelerated

rate while familiarizing the students with aspects of the IB Programme. Students study in an invigorating classroom atmosphere that is enriched in content, skill development and internationalism. Students may continue on in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme if they have maintained an acceptable average in their Grade 9 and Grade 10 credits.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA

Diploma candidates are required to complete six subjects: one subject from each of the following groups:

- Group 1 Language A: English Lit (HL)
- Group 2 Language B: French or Spanish (SL)
- Group 3 Individuals and Societies: World History, History of the Americas (HL), Psychology (HL)
- Group 4 Experimental Sciences: Biology (HL), Chemistry (HL)
- Group 5 Mathematics and Computer Studies: Mathematics or Math Studies (SL)
- Group 6 The Arts: Visual Arts, Music, Chemistry, Physics, or Business Management (SL)

* Diploma Candidates may substitute the Group 6 Arts requirement with one additional course (Chemistry, Physics or Business Management)

To obtain the IB Diploma, candidates must successfully complete each course and write international examinations in each of these areas of study in their final two years of secondary school. Those who fail to satisfy all requirements or who elect to take fewer than six subjects are awarded an IB certificate for each subject successfully completed.

TABLE OF EQUIVALENCIES/GPA

The IB Programme is studied in addition to the Ontario Ministry of Education Curricu-

lum. Work is evaluated according to both IB and Ontario standards and reported in both forms throughout the 2 year program. Once an IB candidate's teachers have determined his/her predicted grades, specific percentages are selected from the appropriate range shown below.

CHCI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Cameron Heights grants an International Studies Certificate to students who successfully complete the program requirements. All CIS (Cameron International Studies) courses meet or exceed the curriculum requisites of the Ministry of Education and Training and contribute to the credits necessary to achieve an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. A CIS credit is a course that emphasizes an international perspective through content (curriculum, resources) and delivery (teaching strategies). Within the International Studies Certificate Program a student selects one of two tracks, the Honours Program

(required to complete a minimum of two IB Certificates) or the Ambassadors Program. In both programs a strong emphasis is placed on the ideals of international understanding and responsible citizenship. Upon graduation, students will earn the CIS designation in their transcript, and they will also have enjoyed many other features of the Cameron International Studies Program including multi-cultural events, exchange opportunities, community outreach programs, and articulation agreements with our partners in education.

SAT EXAMINATION

CHCI Students are provided information about writing the SATs. However, it should be noted that no additional preparation is undertaken for these tests as most of our students attend Canadian universities.

TABLE OF GRADE EQUIVALENCIES

| IB GRADE | GPA | EQUIVALENT ONTARIO PERCENTAGE | IB GRADE | GPA | EQUIVALENT ONTARIO PERCENTAGE | IB GRADE | GPA | EQUIVALENT ONTARIO PERCENTAGE |
|----------|-----|-------------------------------|----------|-----|-------------------------------|----------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 7+ | 4.9 | 99-100% | 5+ | 3.8 | 89-92% | 3+ | 1.8 | 68-71% |
| 7 | 4.7 | 98% | 5 | 3.4 | 86-88% | 3 | 1.4 | 64-67% |
| 7- | 4.5 | 97% | 5- | 3.1 | 84-85% | 3- | 1.1 | 61-63% |
| 6+ | 4.3 | 96% | 4+ | 2.8 | 79-83% | 2+ | 0.8 | 57-60% |
| 6 | 4.2 | 95% | 4 | 2.4 | 76-78% | 2 | 0.4 | 54-56% |
| 6- | 4.0 | 93-94% | 4- | 2.1 | 73-75% | 2- | 0.1 | 50-53 |

