



Dear Parents/Guardians;

The Algoma District School Board is excited to announce that we have partnered with Hockey Canada to offer a Hockey Canada Skills Academy beginning in September 2018. Male and female students in grades 7 to 10 at any ADSB Sault Ste. Marie Secondary School are eligible to apply.

The ADSB Hockey Canada Skills Academy will help student athletes learn and improve advanced individual skills and tactics, while developing a lifestyle on and off the ice that emphasizes building character through achieving both athletic and academic success. Purposeful practices led by highly trained staff, strength and conditioning designed to maximize physical attributes, and a focus on leadership, citizenship and career exploration will all position the student to achieve his/her individual goals in an engaging environment.

Secondary students enrolled in the program will pair PAL 20 (Physical Education-Large Group Activities) and CHV20/GLC20 (Civics/Careers) to earn two credits during the morning of semester one. Fifty hours of on ice time will be dedicated to skill development, 60 hours of off-ice training will be dedicated to fitness training, theory, health and hockey curriculum, and 110 hours will be dedicated to the careers and civics curriculum focusing on sport and culture. Elementary students enrolled in the program will receive 70 hours of on ice instruction dedicated to skill development twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM which will be part of their physical education program.

Both programs will be delivered by qualified teachers, community skills experts and provide opportunities for cooperative education students. The lead teacher for the secondary program will be Michael Cowan while the lead teacher for the elementary program will be Mark Matier. Kyla Faganely will work with students off ice in the areas of strength, conditioning, and wellness, while John Parco and Jeff Toms will be involved with on ice instruction.

The cost to participate in this exceptional program is \$475.00. A \$100.00 deposit is due with the registration form and the remaining \$375.00 is due on or before September 7th, 2018. Included with the \$475.00 fee is the cost of ice time, Hockey Canada Skills Academy wear (jersey, socks, shorts, t-shirt), quality support from community experts and transportation one way for each session.





Parents/guardians of secondary students will be responsible for transportation to the John Rhodes Arena in the morning and the Algoma District School Board will provide transportation to home schools for lunch and regular afternoon classes. The Algoma District School Board will provide transportation for elementary students to the John Rhodes twice a week and parents/guardians are responsible for pick up by 4:00 PM.

Applications and information packages are available on-line from the ADSB website (www.adsb.on.ca) or any of the three Sault Ste. Marie secondary school websites. To register, fill out an application form and return the application form with the \$100.00 deposit to the Algoma District School Board Office located at 644 Albert Street East. Enrolment in this program is limited thus, we cannot guarantee a spot for all applicants. Acceptance will be based on: work habits, consistent learning skills and regular attendance. The Algoma District School Board will be hosting a Hockey Canada Skills Academy Information Night on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Superior Heights in the multimedia room. Please join us where we look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Yours in education and hockey,

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