

Sport-études Q&A: September 2021

Students applying to the program must know what sport they are pursuing and **MUST** have contacted a [recognized sport partner](#) when applying for the academic component of the program.

1. When considering applying, do I approach the school or the sport partner first?

A: Students must be accepted into **BOTH** components in order to be accepted into the program. Prospective students must contact a sport partner AND apply for the academic component of the program. Make sure to plan ahead. If you are in doubt, send a message to us at sport-etudes@lbpearson.ca before applying to the program.

For students currently in **Grade 6**: The Lester B. Pearson School Board organizes an [entrance exam](#) for all new applicants coming from the elementary system. The exams are taking place on November 19, 2021 for current LBPSB students and on November 20th for external candidates. More information will be available on the Board and School website on the first week of October 2021.

For students currently in **Secondary 1 – 4**: Students apply in February for the following academic year. Upon submitting an application form, prospective candidates **MUST** have been identified and registered with one of our recognized sport partners in order to be considered for academic admission.

Click [here](#) for a list of our recognized sport partners.

2. How do clubs (or associations or coaches) select their athletes?

A: Each sport partner (or association or coach) has their own selection criteria. Our Sport-études partners have to follow the criteria set by the respective provincial sport federations. Our sport concentration partners set their own criteria. You should check with your sport partner (or association or coach) of interest in order to fully understand what is required.

3. What is the difference between Sport-études and sport concentration?

A: A Sport-études program is a provincial program that is governed by the Ministère de l'Éducation et Enseignement supérieur (MEES). An agreement (*protocole d'entente*) is signed between John Rennie High School, various provincial sport federations, sport partners (mandataires) and the Lester B. Pearson School Board. Rules for the sport component are set by the provincial federations. For example, which athletes are eligible, which clubs (sport partners) are recognized, how many hours of training are necessary, etc.

A sport concentration program is a local program that is governed by an agreement between John Rennie High School and a local sport partner (or association or coach). Rules for the sport component are set by the sport partner (or association or coach): which athletes are eligible, how many hours of training are done, etc.

Athletes in Sport-études and sport concentration programs both follow the same school schedule.

4. Is Sport-études / sport concentration an enriched program?

A: No, it is an accelerated immersion program. An enriched program consists of the standard Ministry of Education program and it is enriched with extra materials, field trips, projects, etc.

In Sport-études / sport concentration, you will follow the Ministry of Education program at an accelerated pace. In fact, you will cover all the standard Ministry of Education program required material in approximately 67% of the regular prescribed time allotment.

5. What kind of marks do I need to be accepted into the academic program?

Applicants must demonstrate an ability to learn at an accelerated pace and keep up with the stress and demands of increased sport training hours. If you need to be “pushed” or “reminded “ to complete your school work, then perhaps this is not the right program for you. Successful students are motivated, ambitious and are able to take responsibility for their own learning.

Applicants must produce results that reflect these qualities.

6. What kind of marks do I need to stay in the program? (This section is currently under review)

A: In order to remain in Sport-études / sport concentration, students must

- maintain a 75% overall average,
- AND maintain a mark of 70% or above in 2 out of 3 core subjects (English, French and Math)
- AND no failure.

If you do not meet our academic criteria, you will be put on probation and must rectify the situation prior to the following report card.

7. Will I get evaluated in my sport?

A: Yes. Each sport partner submits a sport evaluation for each term of the school year according to specific criteria determined by the provincial sport federation (Sport-études) or sport partner (Sport concentration). You should contact your sport partner to get an idea of what the evaluation criteria entails.

Sport-études / sport concentration students also receive credits for their sport component. These credits are granted on the June report card with a note indicating a “PASS” (SUC) or “FAIL” (ECH).

8. What courses will I be taking in Sport-études / sport concentration?

A: All the same courses that are offered by the standard Ministry of Education program, except some option courses (drama, computers, etc.). Sport-études / sport concentration students have physical education and arts courses.

9. Can I get advanced math and sciences in grade 10 and 11?

A: Yes, we offer advanced math and sciences courses in grade 10 and physics and chemistry in grade 11. Spaces are limited and enrolment into these courses is based on the Grade 9 results.

10. Are Sport-études / sport concentration students mixed with students from outside the program?

A: Sport-études / sport concentration is a closed program. This means that our classes are made up of only Sport-études and sport concentration students. Depending on the athlete's training schedule, students can participate in lunchtime or after-school activities (student council, leadership, extra-curricular sports, etc.).

There are currently 335 students enrolled in the program. There are 2-3 class groups at each grade level. Groups range between 20 and 28 students.

11. What is the typical daily school schedule?

A: Optional morning PED support starts at 7:30am. Regular classes start at 8:10am and end at 12:00pm. Students, depending on their sport and training schedule, then have lunch or leave for their training. Some students can stay in order to attend PED support from 12:55pm to 1:45pm. All Sport-études / sport concentration MUST leave the building by 2:00pm.

12. What is pedagogical (PED) support?

A: Pedagogical support is a measure that is put in place to help our students cope with the academic demands of an accelerated academic program. There are a number of teachers available from 7:30am to 8:00am in the morning and from 12:55pm to 1:45pm in the afternoon to help students, answer questions, catch up after an absence or take a test that was missed during an absence. Morning PED support is on a drop-in basis while PM PED support must be scheduled with a teacher in advance. Teachers may require students to attend PM PED support. (24hr warning will be given).

13. Is there morning bussing?

A: No. You must provide your own transportation in the morning. Everyone is expected to make it on time for class.

14. How does the lunch bussing system work?

A: John Rennie High School does not offer any transportation services. However, some sport partners have arranged for students to be picked up from John Rennie High School. Please check with your sport partner to find out if they offer transportation to their facility.

15. How many hours of training do I have to do?

A: According to the agreements in place, Sport-études / sport concentration students train for a minimum of 15 hours a week. We strongly encourage that you to ask your sport partner in order to get a better idea.

16. I come from an elementary sport concentration program. Do I have an advantage over students who were in a regular elementary program?

A: No. Everyone is subject to the same admission requirements. Perhaps you may be used to an accelerated pace of learning and the demands of training many hours in your sport.

17. Can I do two sports?

A: No, not within the Sport-études / sport concentration structure. You can participate in a second sport, but it would be done outside the realm of Sport-études / sport concentration.

18. Are there any extra costs associated with the program?

A: Minimal school fees are collected for consumable materials used in class or for educational purposes. Sport partners charge fees that vary according to the specific program that they are offering. It is imperative that you contact your sport partner in order to find out the costs associated with your sport.