

# ADMISSION EXAMS PREPARATION PROGRAM (PROGRAMME DE PRÉPARATION AUX CONCOURS D'ADMISSION • PPCA)

General information – Fall 2016



The goal of the *Programme de préparation aux concours d'admission* (admission exams preparation program), often referred to simply as “PPCA” in French, is to properly prepare your child for the various secondary school admission exams he or she will have to do this fall in order to be accepted into secondary 1 in a private school or a specialized study program in the area.

Our preparation program, whose main goal is to prepare students psychologically for the experience of an admission exam, has five steps:

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## REVIEW AND STRATEGIES (4 SESSIONS – 12 HOURS TOTAL)

This first step consists in reviewing various important Mathematics and French notions that usually present a challenge to many students.

It is obviously impossible to review all the content of grade 5 in only a few sessions, but a review guide with the most important notions will be given to the student so that he or she may do a final revision based on the needs identified in the practice exam completed in step 3.

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## STRATEGIES AND TIPS

The program also includes a “strategies” section on topics such as:

- How to deal with the stress of an admission exam;
- How to answer questions - multiple choice exams; and
- How to manage allotted time for various types of exams.

**New for students who require some accommodations...**

**ACCOMMODATIONS...**

This year, two groups will be open exclusively for students who require certain specific accommodations, such as the use of a laptop and text-to-speech software. A special education teacher will be in charge of these two smaller groups.

To get more information and to register, please contact us at 819-595-3048.

**3****PRACTICE ADMISSION EXAM**

For the sixth session of the program, S.O.S. Studies organizes a practice exam and tries to recreate the environment and the types of evaluations usually encountered in admission exams.

This way, the student will be able to go through the experience once before the real thing, apply the strategies and advice given during the program, and see how he or she ranks among the other participants.

**4****FEEDBACK, ADVICE, AND STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS**

The last session is entirely reserved for parents. It aims to give parents useful recommendations on important strategies they can use during the final steps of preparation with their child for the official admission exams in November 2016.

During this session, parents will receive an evaluation report of their child's performance. This report will show the student's ranking in each evaluation (this being the most important part of an admission exam) and will also explain the student's strengths and weaknesses in detail.

For those who are interested, the students' exams will be available for consultation during this half-day session and, after that, during review sessions in the last step of the program.

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**EXAM REVIEW AND EXPLANATIONS**

It is important for the child to look over each exam taken and understand where he or she answered correctly or incorrectly. About 18 hours a week (weeknights and Saturdays) will be reserved in S.O.S. Studies' schedule over a period of six weeks for students and their parents to come review the exams.

A team of teachers will be on hand to answer questions and give explanations and advice to students.

Finally, if needed, individual classes with a teacher are available for an additional fee.

**A BUSY FALL AWAITS YOU!**

The program is led by a team of one teacher and one assistant. It takes place at the *CÉGEP de l'Outaouais* (boul. de la Cité-des-Jeunes, Hull sector) in order to reproduce the "big school" feel. The Fall 2016 schedule is included at the end of this document.

Please note that registration for this program automatically includes the following:

- An evaluation report showing the student's ranking and advice for final preparation;
- A copy of the admission exams preparation review guide, elaborated by S.O.S. Studies; and
- Access to the student's exams and to help from a team of teachers during scheduled review hours. This extra support service will also be available at the CÉGEP – details will be included with your child's evaluation report.

Fall will be busy indeed...



**GET READY!**



### SCHEDULE AND COST

- The cost is \$350.
- The preparation process takes place over four weekends, and three different schedules are available.
- An abridged version of this program is also offered for \$250.

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### ADVICE FOR PARENTS

*Our program's main goal is to help students gain confidence in their ability to face the fall admission exams. The program was designed with that in mind, and we believe it fully meets this objective.*

*The team at S.O.S. Studies advises against excessive preparation, which could unwittingly add to the stress and pressure felt by the student. In the end, the admission exam process should be a positive life experience for your child – a child who, let's not forget, is only 11 years old!*