



DR. KEARNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Grade 8/9 Hockey Academy Application 2024/2025

Dear Parents/Guardians & Student-Athletes:

Dr. Kearney Middle School's Hockey Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2024/2025 school year. Our skills-based program provides students the opportunity to develop their basic hockey skills through on and off ice instruction. We focus primarily on individual skills such as skating, puck handling, shooting, and passing. In addition, an emphasis is placed on small-area games and team tactics within these games.

In order to participate in the program, students must be willing to be at the arena until 3:00pm on Wednesdays, even though Dr. Kearney dismisses students an hour earlier on those days.

Currently, the schedule for the program is as follows:

- **Day 1's:** On-ice skill development (1:15-3:00 at the arena)
- 2-3 times per week on the ice

*****NOTE: In order to participate in the program, students must be willing to be at the arena until 3:00pm or be bussed back at 3:00pm on Wednesdays, even though Dr. Kearney dismisses students an hour earlier on those days.*****

May - June:

- **Day 1's:** Off-ice training at Goodlife Fitness (1:15-3:00)

Who is eligible?

- Grade 8 and 9 students

Selection:

- Interested students must complete the **APPLICATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE**, and return it to the school office by no later than **APRIL 30, 2024**. *We will accept emailed applications and questionnaires as long as they are signed by both the student and a parent/guardian.*
- Due to high demand, a selection process will take place. An in-person interview may take place as well.
 1. **Application:** Students will fill out the application form.
 2. **Questionnaire:** Students will complete the questionnaire **in detail**.
 3. **Selection:** The hockey academy instructors and school administration will have the final say on who is selected into the program.

Rules:

- The Hockey Academy program is a **privilege**, not a right.
- Behaviour and Grades are an integral piece of the program.
- The program works on a 3-Strike Basis. 3 strikes and a student is removed from the academy.
 - Example of strikes could include, **but are not limited to:**
 - Failing a course
 - Defiance/Behaviour issues at school
 - Suspensions
 - Etc.

Other:

- All players are responsible for providing their own hockey equipment.
- Students may be removed from the program if they are not meeting the academic and behavioral expectations of the school.
- **There is a fee of \$400 for our program.** This is used to cover the costs of our academy. Costs include ice times, bussing, resources, gym memberships, jerseys, hoodies, etc. All funds will be collected after students have been selected.
- Students will receive approximately 65-70 on-ice sessions and 20-25 GoodLife/off-ice gym sessions.
- If any player is unable to afford the program fee they can apply for a bursary to cover part of their enrollment. To apply, contact our school principal.
- If selected into the academy, students will be placed into one of 2 groups. These groups are decided by the instructors. Again, this program is a privilege.
- Students will be bussed to the arena from Dr. Kearney at the end of Lunch. At the end of the school day, students will then have the option to be picked up from the arena by their parents or be bussed back to Dr. Kearney.

All interested applicants must complete an application and questionnaire and return it to Dr. Kearney Middle School Office by April 30, 2024. If you have any questions feel free to Ray Taggart at the school, or email rtaggart@prn.bc.ca



Dr. Kearney Middle School Hockey Academy Application Form

Date: _____

Students Legal Name: _____

Birthdate (MM/DD/YEAR): _____

BC CareCard Number: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

School Attended in 2023-2024: _____

What grade will you enter in September 2024: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address if different: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Emergency contact (REQUIRED):

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

By signing below you are acknowledged that being part of Dr. Kearney Hockey Academy is a privilege.

You _____ (the student) will follow all the academic and behavioral expectations set out by the school.

You _____ (the parent) give your child permission to leave school grounds as needed to participate in the Hockey Academy. You are also giving your child permission to be part of the Hockey Academy and accept all the responsibilities and risks that go along with participating in the program.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date

Hockey Academy Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions IN DETAIL and return or email rtaggart@prn.bc.ca by April 30th, 2024.

1. Do you really want to participate in this program? How committed will you be? As there are an overwhelming number of applicants, unexcused absences are not an option.
2. Why do you want to be a part of this program?
3. What are your goals for this program (as a hockey player and as a person)?
4. What can you give back to this program (school culture)?
5. Have you had any behavioural issues at school before? If so, please specify in detail.
6. Please list your grades from last year (Terms 1, 2, & 3).
7. How much do you value academics and do you think that they should be considered when being in a specialized program such as this?
8. What makes a good leader? How are you going to be a leader in the school, at the rink, and in your community?
9. Where do you plan on playing hockey this season?
10. What are your future goals as a hockey player?