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Brock's Faculty of Ed to look beyond marks

(St. Catharines, ON) Brock University's Faculty of Education has announced it will be looking at more than just marks when deciding which students will be accepted in its degree programs in September.

The Faculty of Education normally receives more than 2,700 applications each year from students across North America, but accepts only 75 students.

According to Faculty of Education Dean James Heap, the school will be looking for that "spark" which shows them prospective students have what it takes to become good teachers.

"We're looking for people who are genuinely interested in teaching," Dean Heap said. "Principals and other school officials have told us that A students don't necessarily make the best teachers."

The change in policy came at the request of local school officials who wanted the selection process to respect candidates who had life experiences.

Candidates will be asked to submit an essay as part of the selection process. Extra points will be awarded to candidates who:

- Have previous teaching experience, like teaching piano lessons
- Have an Honors undergraduate degree
- Have a strong interest or competence in English, Math, Sciences or French

For a complete list of the additional criteria, please visit www.brocku.ca/fed/newpolicy

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About Brock University

Located in St. Catharines, Ontario, Brock University has more than 17,000 full and part-time students. Founded in 1964, the university continues to be consistently ranked by students as one of the highest in student satisfaction.