



# Toronto International Student Programs



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# Message from TDSB International Students and Admissions Office

## ***Welcome to the TDSB International Student Programs!***

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is a caring, supportive, and diverse community.

The TDSB offers a world-class education and unique opportunities to become engaging global citizens within Toronto, Canada's largest city. This will be a most rewarding time of your life. We invite you to join us on a voyage as students at the Toronto District School Board.

The TDSB is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. We serve approximately 235,000 students in 583 schools throughout Toronto. Our mission is to enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and to acquire the knowledge, skills, and values they need to become responsible members of a democratic society.

The TDSB takes great pride in the academic excellence of our schools and students. The talented community of educators and support staff are dedicated to enriching the lives of our students and helping them achieve success. With over 40% of our graduates ranking as Ontario Scholars, more than 80% of the TDSB graduates go on to university or college.

The TDSB has one of the most robust international education programs in Canada. Our dedicated staff, teachers and guidance counsellors understand the needs of our students and know that they often require help adjusting and integrating to life in Toronto. Our schools offer a vast range of academic programs, extracurricular activities, and student leadership opportunities that are designed to meet the diverse interests of our students from all over the world.

We give you our sincere promise that we, at the TDSB, will do everything we can to help you with your academic achievement and personal growth.

We look forward to welcoming you to our schools and our city!

*International Students and Admissions Office  
Toronto District School Board*

# Toronto - Canada's Largest City

## A Place to Learn, Live & Grow

Toronto, the capital of the Province of Ontario and the largest city in Canada, is not only a vibrant, diverse and exciting place to live and learn, but also Canada's leading centre for education, high technologies, life and medical sciences, finance, and entertainment. As the home to the country's top universities and colleges, Toronto is attracting students from across Canada and around the world.

## More Reasons to Study in Toronto

- Friendly and diverse communities
- Abundant opportunities to attend the Canada's best post-secondary institutions located right in the city and the surrounding region
- Home to Toronto Maple Leafs (Ice Hockey), Toronto FC (Soccer), Toronto Blue Jays (Baseball), and Toronto Raptors (Basketball)
- Canada's leading center for the arts (music, movies, drama, performing arts)
- Home to thousands of Canada's biggest companies and high-tech firms
- Host of more than 100 festivals annually
- Home to Canada's largest museums, art centres and exhibitions

## Getting to Toronto

Just a 20-minute train ride from Union Station in downtown, Toronto Pearson International Airport operates more than 180 non-stop flights daily to major cities in Asia, Europe, Latin America and the United States.



# Toronto District School Board (TDSB)

The TDSB welcomes students from all over the world. International students coming to study at the TDSB can choose an educational path that best suits their personal interests and academic goals.

Attending school in Toronto is a rewarding experience. International students will learn about other diverse cultures, gain new perspectives, and meet new friends while getting a world-class education.

## Our Schools

- 583 schools in total
- 473 Elementary Schools (including 3 Junior High Schools and 18 Elementary Alternative Schools)
- 110 Secondary Schools (including 1 Elementary/Secondary Alternative School, 20 Secondary Alternative Schools, 4 Caring and Safe Schools Programs, 5 EdVance Programs, 2 Native Learning Centres, 6 Special Education Self-Contained Schools)



# Toronto International Student Programs (TISP)

## Elementary Schools (Kindergarten to Grade 8)

Children living in Toronto with parents or relatives may attend one of the 473 elementary schools.

School placement is based on the residential address of parent/custodian. Proofs of address include lease agreement, property tax assessment documents, utility bills, bank statements or telephone bills.

For more information about TDSB elementary schools, please visit:  
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School>

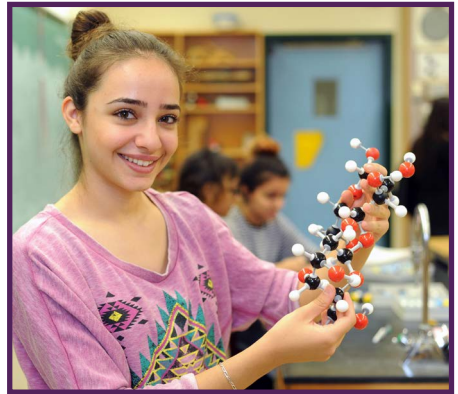
## Secondary Schools (Grade 9 to 12)

Students can complete secondary schools in Ontario and earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students are required to complete a total of 30 credits, 40 hours of community service, and pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). The TDSB secondary schools are among the best in Ontario, providing an enriching and innovative learning experience to all students. Our schools also enjoy a vibrant relationship with their communities.

The TDSB secondary schools offer comprehensive support to international students and a full range of academic, language and elective courses, AP courses, extra-activities, clubs, and sports teams. All schools offer a wide range of art programs including Music, Drama, Fine Arts and Visual Arts.

International students are only eligible for regular-track programs.

For TDSB secondary schools available for international students, please visit our website:  
[www.StudyToronto.ca](http://www.StudyToronto.ca)



# Toronto International Student Programs (TISP)

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## Integrated Summer School & Orientation Program

TDSB offers this uniquely designed free program to all new secondary international students joining the TDSB, and existing Grade 8 international students transitioning to Grade 9 are also welcome to participate. This free 4-week program is normally offered in the month of August each year, and students can choose one credit course in English as a Secondary Language (Level A to E), Drama, Designing Your Future or Family Studies.

## International Leadership & Peer Support Summer Program

TDSB welcomes students from all over the world to join us for a fun and interactive learning experience every summer. The International Leadership and Peer Support Program prepares international students to act in leadership and peer support roles. The program brings together students from all over the world for a fun and interactive learning experience by applying 21st century global competencies and improving their English language skills.

## Adult High School and Academic Pathways

The Academic Pathway Program is available to adult international students who wish to attend a Canadian college or university but do not meet the English language proficiency or other admission requirements. The program is offered through any of TDSB's five adult high schools.

## English as a Second Language (ESL)

English language support is available at all the TDSB secondary schools designated for international students. Students are assessed before arrival and are provided appropriated levels of English language and academic courses depending on their abilities and goals.

## Short-term Immersion Program for School Groups

The program is specifically tailored for international school groups (10 students or more) of Grade 7 to Grade 11 students. The Program is run during regular school semesters (except for Christmas holidays and March Break) and is 2-8 weeks in duration. For individual students, the minimum length of stay at TDSB schools is 3 months.







# The TDSB Advantage

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## More School Choices for International Students

- 30 out of 110 designated secondary schools
  - 473 elementary schools
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## Full-range English as a Secondary Language Support for International Students

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## Most Robust International Education Program in Canada with Students from 60 Plus Countries Annually

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## Welcoming, Safe and Diverse Communities

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## Outstanding Community Amenities

- Reliable public transit
  - Vibrant Community Centres for Sports, Recreation & Other Activities
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## Access to Wide Range of Programs and Services

- Robust Academic Programs
  - Enriching Extracurricular Activities
  - Mental Health & Well-being
  - Community Engagement
  - Specialized Programs
  - Out-door Education Centres
  - Continuing Education Programs
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# Supporting International Students

The TDSB secondary schools designated for international students have dedicated staff to provide counselling and support, including:

- Academic counselling
- Career counselling
- Personal counselling
- University application assistance
- Mental health support
- Language/Cultural support

Our dedicated team of Guidance Counselors for International Students (GCIS) provides wrap-around support for students' academic success, well-being, and integration with school communities.

We also offer pre-arrival ESL and Math assessments to all accepted secondary students.

## Admissions Requirements

Elementary:

- An average of C+ (65%) or higher in the past two years of school
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher or principal
- English Ability: students need to have some knowledge of English that includes reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.

Secondary:

- An average of C+ (65%) or higher in the past two years of school
- Letter of Recommendation form a teacher or principal
- English Ability: Intermediate or higher level of English Language Proficiency



# Fee Schedule (2024-2025 School Year)

Application Fee:

- \$400.00 CAD (non-refundable)

Tuition Fee (Elementary and Secondary):

- \$17,000.00 CAD for 1 year (September to June or February to January)
- \$8,500.00 CAD for 1 semester (September to January or February to June)

Emergency Medical Insurance Premium:

- \$500.00 CAD for 1 year
- \$250.00 CAD for 1 semester



## International Student Health & Wellness Plan

The mandatory International Student Insurance Plan provided through StudyInsured is specially designed for international students who are attending Toronto District School Board schools full-time under the Toronto International Student Programs. The Plan gives full-year coverage to all fee-paying international students at the TDSB.

Please visit: <https://www.studyinsured.com/tdsb> for more information.

## Accommodation

International students can live with their parents, relatives or custodians during their stay in Toronto. Students may also choose to live with local families. Homestay and custodian service can be arranged through third party providers.

For more information on accommodation choices, please visit our website: [www.StudyToronto.ca](http://www.StudyToronto.ca)

Students under 18 years of age must have a custodian living in the Greater Toronto Area. Students are not allowed to live on their own. All students at grade 8 and under must live with their custodians/parents.

# Application Process

All applications MUST be submitted through: <https://tisp.tdsb.on.ca/>

## *Step 1:*

- Student submits application through our online portal, pays the non-refundable application fee, and upload mandatory documents for evaluation, including:
  - ◆ Copy of passport or birth Certificate
  - ◆ Recommendation letter
  - ◆ Most recent 2-year transcripts (Grade 6-12 applicants only)

## *Step 2:*

- Student receives Conditional Offer of Acceptance and pays fees within two weeks.

## *Step 3:*

- Student receives Official Letter of Acceptance and applies for visa/Study Permit through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

## *Step 4:*

- Student report to TDSB at required time.

For more information on our application process, refund policy and reporting details, please visit our official website: [www.StudyToronto.ca](http://www.StudyToronto.ca)

## Application Timelines

- December 1 to May 1 for September Intake
- July 1 to November 1 for February Intake





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