# ADULT ESL 2023-2024 Program Information

# **Eligibility**

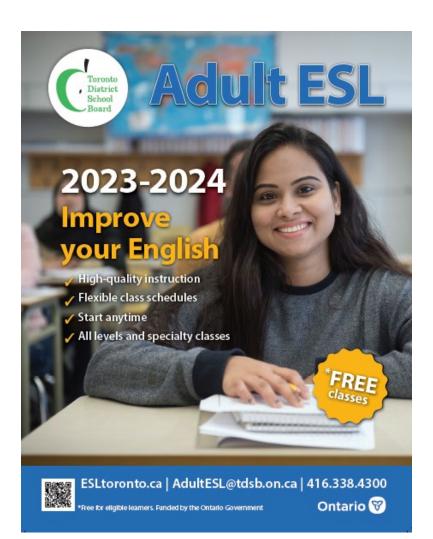
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# Eligibility

### What is your status in Canada?

We welcome Canadian residents 18 years and over into our classes. If you are a Canadian resident classes are free to eligible\* learners.

The following are some categories for eligible\* Canadian residents:

- Refugee claimants
- Canadian citizens born outside of Canada
- Permanent residents
- Convention refugees / protected persons
- Persons who have a letter of initial approval of permanent residence from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

## **Documents And Identification**

You will be required to bring the appropriate documents\* when you go to the YMCA for an assessment and registration. These include PR (Permanent Resident) card and Citizenship card. In addition, you need to bring photo identification such as a passport, driver's license, health card etc. \*For more information about eligibility or acceptable documents please visit the YMCA Assessment and Referral Centre site: ymcagta.org/language or call 416 9255462.

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# Registration

Registration by email or phone starts August 28, 2023. Please visit our website or contact one of our ESL Administration sites for more details.

### **Returning Learners**

A returning learner is someone who has attended our classes in the past 2 years. Please contact one of our administration centre to register for a class. You will need your identification, your student reference number and a referral form or recent report from your last class.

### **New Learners**

Step 1: Find out your level. Call the YMCA Assessment and Referral Centre at 416 925-5462 or email them at language. test@ymcagta.org to book an assessment. Contact one of our ESL Administration Centres (416 338 4300) if you need assistance to make an appointment.

Step 2: Need more information? Please visit our website at www.esltoronto.ca for more information. Some information is also translated in a variety of languages.

Step 3: Get assessed and register. Once you have been assessed at the YMCA you can register in our ESL program by asking your assessor to register you in our classes. The assessor will give you a referral form to bring with you on the first day of classes along with photo ID to show to your instructor.

### **YMCA Referral Centres**

- 1. Downtown Toronto Central: <u>365 Bloor Street E, 18th Floor</u>
- 2. Etobicoke Albion Road (Inside the Albion Centre): 1530 Albion Road, Unit 83
- 3. North East- Toronto Consumers Road: <u>251 Consumers Road, Suite 110</u>
- 4. North West Toronto Dufferin Street: 4580 Dufferin Street, 2nd Floor
- 5. Scarborough Milner Business Court: 10 Milner Business Court, Suite 60

### **ESL Administration Centres**

# SOUTH

Bickford Centre

416-393-0528

777 Bloor St. West, M6G 1L6 (Bloor & Christie)

ConEdBickfordESL@tdsb.on.ca

Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 3:00pm

Mon. - Thurs. 6:30pm - 8pm

Saturday classes start: Sept. 9, 2023 — 9:00am - 11:00am

# NORTH

### John Polanyi Adult Learning Centre

416-395-4980 640

640 Lawrence Avenue West, M6A 1B1 (Lawrence & Allen Expressway)

ConEdJohnPolanyiESL@tdsb.on.ca

Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 2:30pm

Mon. - Thurs. 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Saturday classes start: Sept. 9, 2023 — 8:30am - 12:30pm

### North Central Adult ESL Centre

416-395-8461 <u>5075 Yonge Street, 10th Floor, M2N 6C6 (Yonge & North York Centre)</u> <u>ConEdNorthCentralESL@tdsb.on.ca</u> Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 3:30pm

### **Overland Learning Centre**

416-395-5080 <u>55 Overland Drive, M3C 2C3 (Lawrence & Don Mills)</u> <u>ConEdOverlandESL@tdsb.on.ca</u> Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 2:30pm / Mon, Wed. 6:30 - 8:30pm Saturday classes start: Sept. 9, 2023 — 8:30am - 12:30pm

# EAST

Winston Churchill Adult ESL Centre 416-396-6909 2239 2239 Lawrence Avenue East, M1P 2P7, Room A123 (Lawrence & Kennedy) ConEdWinstonChurchillESL@tdsb.on.ca Mon.– Fri. 9:00am - 2:30pm / Mon.– Wed. 6:30pm - 8:00pm Please use Entrance 10 on the west side of the building

# WEST

Mimico Adult Learning Centre 416-394-6253

Entrance 1 at the south end side of the building 255

255 Royal York Road, M8V 2V8 (Lakeshore & Royal York

ConEdMimicoESL@tdsb.on.ca

Wednesdays & Thursdays — 9:00am - 2:00pm

# **Course Descriptions**

### What are the Canadian Language Benchmarks?

The Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) are the Canadian standard that measures and describes the level of English language proficiency in adult learners. The four main skills that are assessed using the benchmarks are listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Real-life language tasks are also used to measure these skills. CLB information helps us plan curriculum and evaluate our classes, to best meet our learners' needs.

Learners participate in keeping track of their learning progress in partnership with their teacher and keep a portfolio (Language Companion) of their classroom work.

### Literacy Foundation, Phase 1, 2, 3

Literacy classes are for learners who have had little or no experience using English. Starting from the basics, you will learn English that you can use every day; for example, how to read signs and labels, fill in simple forms and talk to the doctor.

### English for Everyday - CLB Levels 1-4

Get the English you need for everyday situations in stores, banks and in your neighbourhood. Learn how to understand brief conversations; for example, learn how to greet people, ask for help, or get directions. Learn how to read and write simple messages. Learn actively in a friendly, supportive environment.

### English for Everyday - CLB Levels 5-8

Gain confidence as you learn new strategies to improve your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Learn how to give presentations, express opinions, agree and disagree and participate in social conversations. Read more complex texts such as feature articles and detailed schedules. Write email messages, letters of complaint and resumes.

### Specialized ESL Classes

Finesse your English language skills to prepare for the job market or post-secondary education. TDSB provides a host of specialized language courses designed to help you reach your personal, academic and career goals.

### **TOEFL, IELTS and Academic**

Test Preparation Classes Develop the specific language skills you need to perform well on high stakes language tests that are required for university admission and to re-quality for your profession. Participate in practical activities to enhance your communicative fluency, develop your vocabulary and improve your reading and writing skills. Learn how the tests are designed and familiarize yourself with the scoring system.

### Intensive/Academic ESL Classes

Intensive/Academic classes are faster-paced and more challenging than the regular classes. Themes may be more abstract. To get the most out of this class you may need to practice outside of the classroom.

### **Academic Writing**

Communicate your opinions in writing based on relevant research and using appropriate functional grammar. Learn how to write a coherent and well-developed essay using a thesis and support for your conclusions. Each class includes grammar and vocabulary. A must for learners who want to succeed at college or university, as well as for professionals who wish to improve their writing skills.

### Workplace and Business Courses

Learn how to format emails, inter-office memos and business letters. Write cover letters to accompany a resume. Compose an effective letter of complaint, take minutes of meetings and write incident reports. Write clear texts on concrete topics for the appropriate audience.

### **ESL and Workplace Computer Classes**

Learn how to use computer software to help you improve and practice your English. You will focus on Microsoft Office applications such as MS Word, Excel and Power Point at the intermediate and advanced levels. Learners should have some previous experience using computers.

### **Conversation Classes**

Learn how to speak with more confidence. Feel more comfortable speaking in groups and with your classmates and others. Practice dialogues to build listening and speaking skills that will help you manage your conversations. Learn how to use appropriate language for each situation.

### **Pronunciation Classes**

Improve your pronunciation and develop the confidence to speak up. Tune in to the music of the English language by listening to its distinct sounds. Improve by practicing vowel and consonant sounds, stress, and intonation, and learning to link words and phrases together.

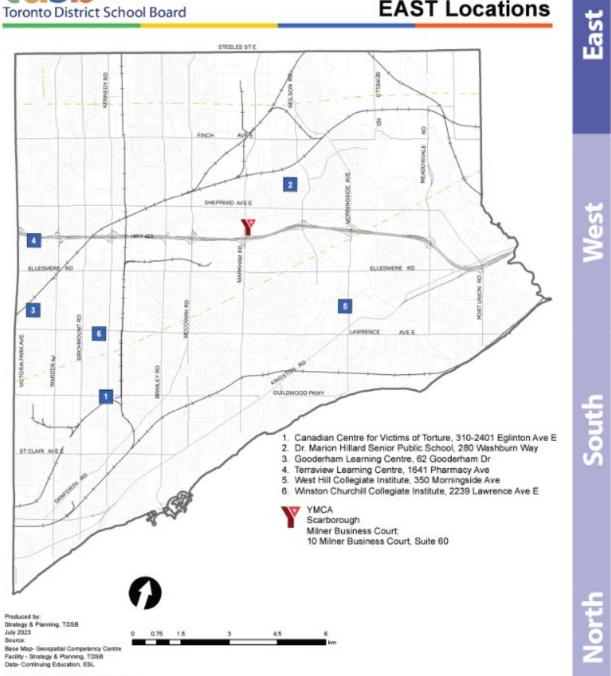
### **ESL Classes with Specific Support**

For learners who are experiencing emotional and/or mental health issues, please contact Hong Fook Mental Health Association at 416 493-4242 for an appointment. For survivors of torture, who are unable to attend regular ESL classes, please contact the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture at 416 363-1066 between 9am and 5pm.

# **Maps and Locations**





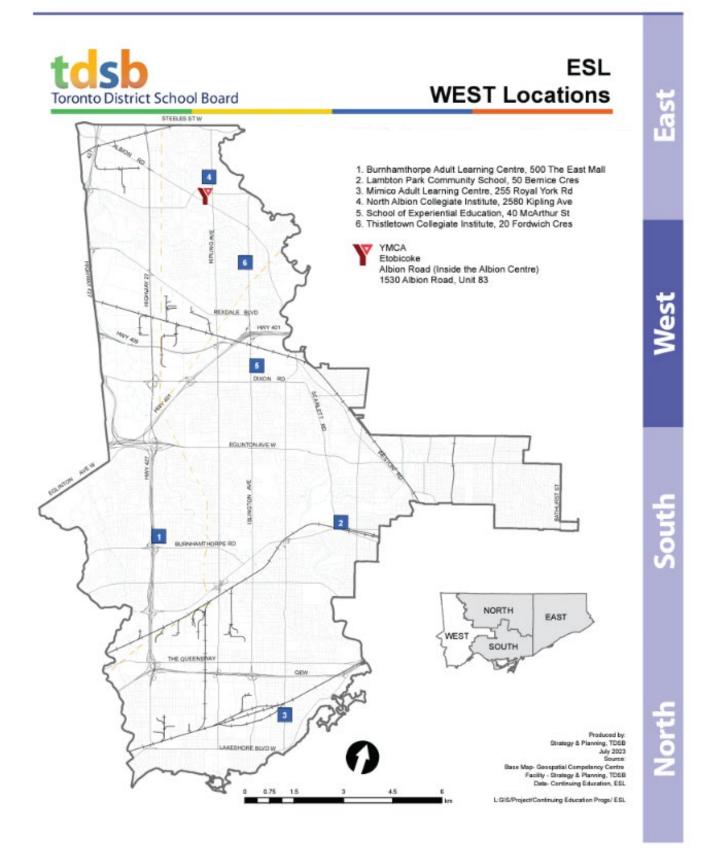


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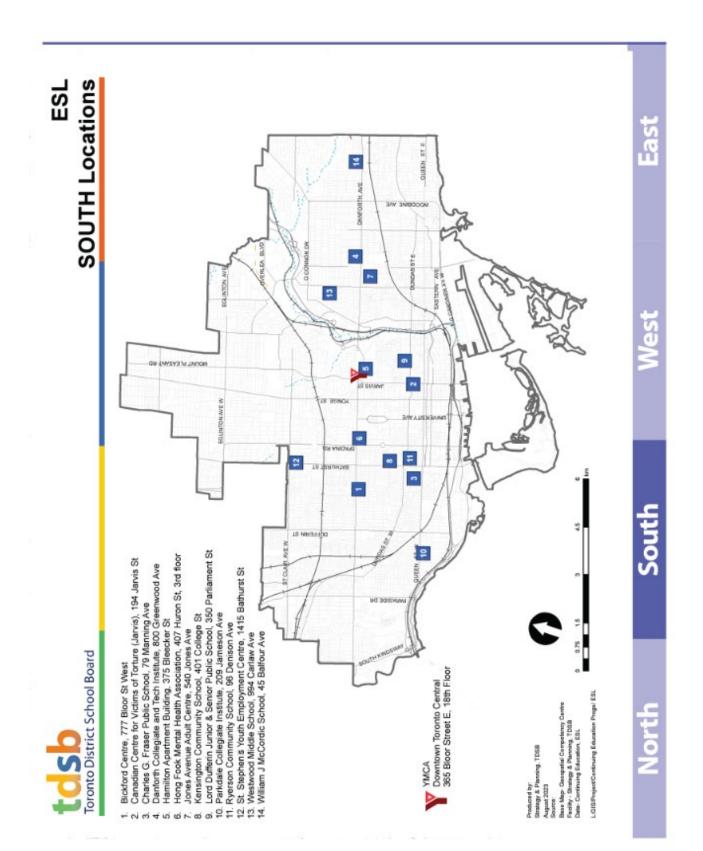
- 1. **Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture\*** 310-2401 Eglinton Avenue East, M1K 5G8 (Kennedy & Eglinton)
  - CLB 1-6 (see note below) Mon to Thu 9:30am 12:30pm

\* For survivors of torture, please call 416-363-1066 between 9am and 5pm to book an appointment.

- 2. **Dr. Marion Hilliard Senior Public School** 280 Washburn Way, M1B 2P3 (Markham & Sheppard)
  - CLB 3-5 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:00am
- 3. **Gooderham Learning Centre** 62 Gooderham Drive, M1R 3G7 (Lawrence & Pharmacy)
  - Reading/Writing Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, CLB 2-3, 4, 5-7 Mon to Fri 9:00am -11:30am
  - Listening/Speaking CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-7 Mon to Fri 12:00pm 2:30pm
- 4. **Terraview Learning Centre** 1641 Pharmacy Avenue, M1R 2L2 (Pharmacy & Hwy 401)
  - Reading/Writing CLB 1-2, 3, 4, 5-6 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:30am
  - Listening/Speaking CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mon to Fri 12:00pm 2:30pm
- 5. West Hill Collegiate Institute 350 Morningside Avenue, M1E 3G3 (Kingston & Ellesmere) Please use back entrance (#10) only
  - Reading/Writing CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mon to Fri 9:15am 11:45am
  - Listening/Speaking CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mon to Fri 12:15pm 2:45pm
- 6. Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute 2239 Lawrence Avenue East, M1P 2P7 (Lawrence & Kennedy)
  - Reading/Writing CLB 1, 2, 3, 4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-8 Mon to Fri 9:15am 11:45am
  - Listening/Speaking CLB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-6, 7-8 Mon to Fri 12:15pm 2:45pm
  - CLB 1-2, 3, 4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-8 Mon & Wed 7:00pm 9:00pm



- 1. **Burnhamthorpe Adult Learning Centre** 500 The East Mall, M9B 2C4 (Burnhamthorpe & The East Mall)
  - Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, CLB 2, CLB 3, 4-5, 6-7 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:30am
  - CLB 1-3, 4-6 Mon to Fri 12:00pm 2:30pm
- 2. Lambton Park Community School 50 Bernice Crescent, M6N 1W9 (St. Clair & Scarlett)
  - CLB 1-3 Tue to Thu 9:00am 11:30am
- Mimico Adult Centre 255 Royal York Road, M8V 2V8 (Lakeshore & Royal York Road)
  - CLB 1-2 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:30am
  - CLB 1-2, 3-4 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm
  - CLB 5-7 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:30am
  - CLB 5-7 Mon to Fri 12:00pm 2:30pm
  - CLB 1-3, 4-5, 5-7 Mon & Wed 7:00pm 9:00pm
- 4. North Albion Collegiate Institute 2580 Kipling Avenue, M9V 3B2 (Finch & Kipling) CLB 5-7 Mon to Thu 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- 5. School of Experiential Education 40 McArthur Street, M9P 3M7 (Dixon & Islington)
  - CLB 1-3, 4-6 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:30am
  - CLB 1-2, 3-5 Mon to Fri 12:00pm 2:30pm
- Thistletown Collegiate Institute 20 Fordwich Crescent, M9W 2T4 (Islington & Albion Road)
  - CLB 3-4-5 Mon to Fri 9:00am 1:30pm



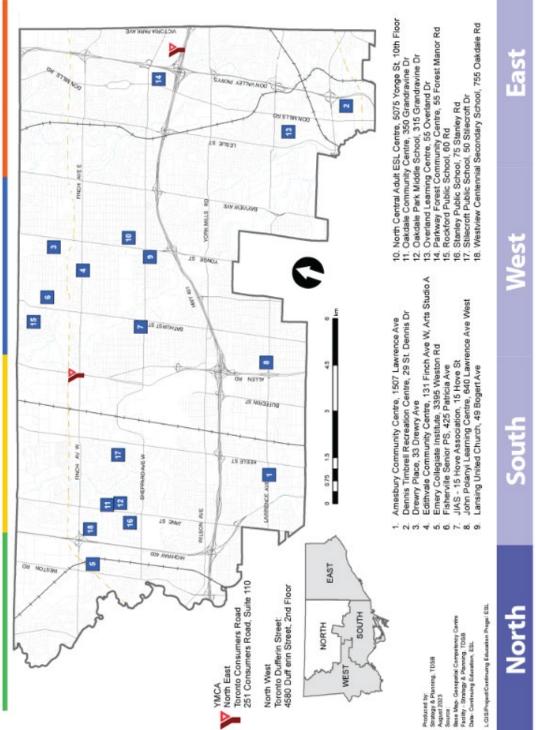
\* 220 Oak St. will start online and return to in-person learning as soon as possible. CLB 1-3 Bilingual Somali Mon to Thu 9:00am - 12:00pm

- 1. **Bickford Centre –** 777 Bloor Street West, M6G 1L6 (Bloor & Christie)
  - Literacy Foundation-Phase 3 CLB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, CLB 8\*Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm \* Multiple classes are available at each level.
  - Intensive/Academic CLB 5, 6 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm
  - Listening & Speaking Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, CLB 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7 Mon & Wed 7:00pm - 9:00pm
  - Academic Test Preparation CLB 8-9 Mon & Wed 7:00pm 9:00pm
  - Reading & Writing Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, CLB 2, 3, 4-5, 5-6, 6-7 Tue & Thu 7:00pm - 9:00pm
  - Academic/Business Writing CLB 8 Tue & Thu 7:00pm 9:00pm
  - CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Sat 9:00am 2:30pm
  - ESL Excel Computer Class CLB 5-6 Sat 9:00am 12:30pm
  - Pronunciation CLB 6/7 Sat 10:30am 1:30pm
  - ESL Microsoft Word Computer Class CLB 5-6 Sat 1:00pm 4:00pm
- Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture\* (Jarvis) 194 Jarvis Street, M5B 2B7 (Dundas & Jarvis)
  - CLB 5-7 Mon to Thu 12:30pm 3:30pm \* For survivors of torture, please call 416-363-1066 between 9am and 5pm to book an appointment.
- 3. Charles G. Fraser Public School 79 Manning Avenue, M6J 2K6 (Queen & Bathurst)
  - CLB 1-2 Mon to Fri 9:00am 1:00pm
- 4. **Danforth Collegiate and Tech Institute** 800 Greenwood Avenue M4J 4B7 (Greenwood & Danforth)
  - CLB 3-4 Mon & Wed 6:30pm 8:30pm CLB 5-6 Mon & Wed 6:30pm 8:30pm
- 5. Hamilton Apartment Building 375 Bleecker Street, M4X 1M3 (Bloor & Sherbourne)
  - CLB 3-5 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm
- 6. Hong Fook Mental Health Association\* 407 Huron St. M5S 2G5 (Spadina & Bloor)
  - CLB 1-3\* Wed & Fri 10:00am 12:00pm \*For learners who are experiencing emotional and/or mental health issues, please call 416-493-4242 to arrange an appointment.

- 7. Jones Avenue Learning Centre 540 Jones Avenue M4J 3G9 (Danforth & Jones)
  \*Due to unforeseen delays in construction Jones Adult Centre will not be open to the public, including all learners on Tues. September 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Literacy Foundation- CLB 1 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm CLB 2 Mon to Fri 9:00am - 2:30pm
  - CLB 3 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm CLB 4-5 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm
  - CLB 6-8 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm
- 8. Kensington Community School 401 College Street, M5T 1S9 (College & Bathurst)
  - CLB 3-5 Mon to Thu 9:00am-2:30am
- 9. Lord Dufferin Junior & Senior Public School 350 Parliament Street, M5A 2Z7 (Gerrard & Parliament)
  - Literacy Foundation-Phase 3-CLB 2 Mon to Fri 9:00am-2:30pm
  - CLB 3-5 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm South Locations 11MAP LEVELS DAYS TIME
- 10. Parkdale Collegiate Institute 209 Jameson Ave, M6K 2Y3 (Queen & Lansdowne)
  - CLB 1, 2, 3 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm
- 11. Ryerson Community School 96 Denison Ave, M5T 1E4 (Dundas & Bathurst)
  - Literacy CLB 1 Mon to Thurs 9:00 am 11:30am
- 12. **St. Stephen's Youth Employment Centre\*** 1415 Bathurst Street, M5R 3H8 (Bathurst & St. Clair)
  - ESL Workplace Computer Skills CLB 5-8 Mon to Fri 9:00am 12:00pm
  - ESL Workplace Communication CLB 5-8 Mon & Wed 1:00pm 3:00pm \*For more information please contact 416 925-2103 ext. 4280
- 13. Westwood Middle School 994 Carlaw Avenue, M4K 3M6 (Pape & Cosburn)
  - CLB 2-4 Mon to Fri 9:00am 12:00pm
- 14. William J McCordic School 45 Balfour Avenue, M4C 1T4 (Main & Danforth) Please use Entrance #2
  - CLB 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7 Mon to Fri 9:00am 2:30pm
  - CLB 3-4 Mon & Wed 7:00pm 9:00pm
  - CLB 1-2, 3-4 Tues & Thurs 7:00pm 9:00pm



# ESL NORTH Locations



- 1. **Amesbury Community Centre** 1507 Lawrence Avenue, M6L 1A8 (Keele & Lawrence)
  - CLB 4 -5 Mon, Tue & Thu 9:00am 1:00pm
- Dennis Timbrell Recreation Centre 29 St. Dennis Drive, M3C 3J3 (Eglinton & Don Mills)
  - CLB Literacy and CLB 1 Mon to Thu 12:30pm 2:30pm
  - Literacy Foundation-CLB 2-3 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:30am
- 3. **Drewry Place** 33 Drewry Avenue, M2M 4L2 (Yonge & Drewry)
  - CLB 5-6 Mon & Wed 9:30am 12:00pm
  - CLB 5-6 Tue & Thu 1:00pm 3:00pm
- 4. Edithvale Community Centre 131 Finch Ave W, Arts Studio A
  - CLB 5-6 Mon, Wed & Fri 9:00am 12:00pm
  - CLB 3-4 Tue & Thu 9:00am 12:00pm
- 5. Emery Collegiate Institute 3395 Weston Road, M9M 2V9 (Finch & Weston Road)
  - CLB 1-3 Mon to Thu 9:00am 2:30pm
  - CLB 4-6 Mon to Thu 9:00am 11:30am
  - CLB 4-6 Mon to Thu 12:00pm 2:30pm
  - CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Tue & Thu 6:45pm 8:45pm
- Fisherville Senior Public School 425 Patricia Avenue, M2R 2N1 (Bathurst & Steeles)
  - CLB 6-7 Mon to Thu 9:00am 11:30am
  - CLB 1-3 Mon to Thu 4:30pm 6:30pm
  - Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mon & Wed 7:00pm 9:30pm
  - Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, CLB 2-3 Tue & Thu 7:00pm 9:00pm
- 7. **15 Hove** 15 Hove Street, M3H 4Y8 (Bathurst & Sheppard)
  - CLB 3-5, 6-8 Mon to Fri 9:00am 12:30pm
  - CLB 3-5, 6-8 Mon to Thu 1:00pm 3:00pm
- 8. John Polanyi Adult Learning Centre 640 Lawrence Avenue West, M6A 1B1 (Lawrence & Allen Expressway)
  - Reading & Writing, Literacy Foundation-Phase 2, CLB 1, 1-2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8 Mon to Fri 8:30am 11:00am
  - Listening & Speaking, Literacy Phase 2, CLB 1,1-2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8 Mon to Fri 11:30am - 2:00pm
  - Reading & Writing, Literacy /ESL 1, CLB 2, 3, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mon & Wed 7:00pm -9:30pm
  - Listening & Speaking, Literacy Foundation-CLB 1,1-2, 2-3,2, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-8 Tue & Thu 7:00pm - 9:30pm
  - CLB 1-2, 1-3, 4-5, 5-6, 6,8-9 Sat 9:00am 1:00pm
  - ESL Literacy Phase 2-3 Mon to Fri 11:30am 2:00pm

- ESL Literacy Phase 1-2 Mon to Fri 8:30am 11:00am
- 9. Lansing United Church 49 Bogert Avenue, M2N 1K4 (Yonge & Sheppard)
  - CLB 5 Mon to Thu 9:30am 12:00pm
  - CLB 3 Tue & Thu 9:30am 12:00pm
  - CLB 6-7 Tue & Thu 9:30am 12:00pm
- 10. North Central Adult ESL Centre 5075 Yonge Street, 10th Floor, M2N 6C6 (Yonge & North York Centre)
  - Literacy Foundation CLB 1 Mon to Fri 8:30am 11:00am
  - Literacy Foundation CLB 1 Mon to Fri 11:30am 2:00pm
  - CLB 2, 3, 4, 5, 6/7 Mon to Fri 8:30am 2:00pm
  - CLB 1-2 Mon & Wed 2:30pm 4:30pm
  - CLB 4 Tues & Thurs 2:30pm 4:30pm
  - CLB 2-3 Tues & Thurs 12:30pm 3:00pm
  - CLB 8 Mon to Fri 8:30am 11:00am
- 11. Oakdale Community Centre 350 Grandravine Drive, M3N 1J4 (Jane & Sheppard)
  - CLB 2-4 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:30am
- 12. Oakdale Park Middle School 315 Grandravine Drive, M3N 1J5 (Jane & Sheppard)
  - CLB 1-2, 3-4 Mon to Thu 7:00pm 9:00pm
- 13. Overland Learning Centre 55 Overland Drive, M3C 2C3 (Lawrence & Don Mills)
  - Reading/Writing Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Mon to Fri 8:30am 11:00am
  - Listening/Speaking, CLB 2, 4, 7-8 Mon to Fri 11:30am 2:00pm
  - Listening & Speaking, Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, 3, 5-6 Mon to Thu 11:30am -2:00pm
  - CLB 1-2, 3-4 Mon to Thu 7:00pm 9:00pm
  - Pronunciation CLB 3-8 Tue 7:00pm 9:00pm
  - IELTS CLB 6-8 Monday 7:00pm 9:00pm
  - Reading/Writing/Grammar CLB 5-7 Sat 8:30am 10:30am
  - Business Writing CLB 6-8 Sat 8:30am 10:30 am
  - Conversation CLB 5-6 Sat 10:30am 12:30pm
- 14. **Parkway Forest Community Centre** 55 Forest Manor Road, M2J 0C2 (Sheppard & Don Mills)
  - CLB 3-4 Mon & Wed 9:00am 11:30am
  - CLB 6-8 Mon & Wed 12:00pm 2:00pm
- 15. Rockford Public School 60 Rockford Road, M2R 3A7 (Steeles & Bathurst)
  - CLB 2-4 Mon & Wed 4:00pm 6:00pm
- 16. Stanley Public School 75 Stanley Road, M3N 1C2 (Jane & Sheppard)
  - CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:30am
  - CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mon to Fri 12:00pm 2:30pm

### 17. Stilecroft Public School – 50 Stilecroft Drive, M3J 1A7 (Keele & Sheppard)

- CLB 1-4 Mon to Fri 9:00am 11:30am
- CLB 1-4 Mon to Fri 12:30pm 3:00pm

# 18. Westview Centennial Secondary School – 755 Oakdale Road, M3N 1W7 (Jane & Finch)

- CLB 1-2, 3-4 Mon to Fri 9:30am 12:30pm
- CLB 1-2, 3-4 Mon to Fri 1:00pm 3:00pm