

Other Programs

Choices
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Newcomer Reception Centres

At the Newcomer Reception Centres, new students receive a warm welcome, an orientation to the school system, and an in-depth assessment, before registering in the school and program that will best meet their needs.

- Greenwood Reception Centre (SE) call 416 393-0750.
- West End Reception Centre (SW) call 416 393-0542.
- Georges Vanier Reception Centre (NE) call 416 395-9440.
- Thistletown Reception Centre (NW) call 416 394-7698.

Advanced Placement

The Advanced Placement Program (AP) allows students to earn a Grade 12, University Preparation credit and pursue university level work while still in high school. In partnership with the College Board, schools offer AP exams which are compiled by the Development Committee which consists of representatives from a wide range of well known universities. These exams are graded by university professors and experienced AP teachers from different parts of the world by using scoring standards. Successful completion of the AP exam results in the opportunity to earn placement into second year university courses.

Cisco/Nortel Systems

These programs provide specialized equipment and staff training so that Technology departments in several schools can offer selected students the opportunity to earn CISCO/ Nortel Networking certification through the completion of successive Communications Technology credits.

English Language Learning

Toronto schools are proud to serve the most multicultural city in the world. Most Toronto secondary schools offer special programs for newcomers from other countries, so they can learn Standard Canadian English and continue their education at the same time. Newcomers may begin their

new educational careers with a visit to the Newcomer Reception Centres, for advice on starting school and choosing courses.

ESL and ELD PROGRAMS

Credit courses in English as a Second Language (ESL) help students to learn English and develop the academic skills they need for success in Ontario schools. Credit courses in English Literacy Development (ELD) are for students whose education has been interrupted and who need help in developing their literacy skills. Special credit courses for newcomers are available in other subject areas, such as Geography, History, or Science.

LEAP

The Literacy Enrichment Academic Program (LEAP) is for newcomers who need intensive upgrading in literacy, mathematics, and study skills. To enter these programs, students must have an assessment at one of the Newcomer Reception Centres.

French Language Learning

The secondary schools of the Toronto District School Board provide a variety of programs in French as a Second Language.

CORE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

These courses are designed as continuations of the French programs begun in elementary schools. A special Introductory French course for students who have not studied French in the elementary grades is also

available in many schools. All students are required to complete one credit in French as a graduation requirement, unless specific arrangements have been made for students with special circumstances.

EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAMS

These courses have been designed for students who have had 1,080 to 1,440 hours of instruction in French in elementary school. The program includes French, plus other subjects studied in the French language. Effective 2003, students who have completed 7 credits in Extended French and other subjects taught in French will earn a Certificate of Bilingual Studies in Extended French. Four of these credits must be Extended French. See Secondary School Locations pages 30-33 for selected schools.

IMMERSION FRENCH PROGRAMS

These courses have been designed for students who have had 3,000 to 6,000 hours of instruction in French in elementary school. This program includes French, plus other subjects studied in the French language. Effective 2003, to earn a Certificate of Bilingual Studies in Immersion students will be required to complete 10 credits in French of which four must be in Immersion French. See Secondary School Locations pages 30-33 for selected schools.

Specialized Tech/Co-op OYAP Programs

These programs offer students opportunity to take concentrated senior tech courses combined with co-operative education experiences that will help them find paid employment in the workplace. For more information go to www.oyaptdsb.com. See pages 28-29 for schools that offer these programs.