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International Education Newsletter

Support, Support and Support!

During the second half of the 2019-2020 school year all Ontario schools moved into remote learning mode due to the impact of COVID-19. The Toronto District School Board continued to offer learning opportunities to students online. Students continued to learn, participate and interact with their teachers throughout the rest of the school year.

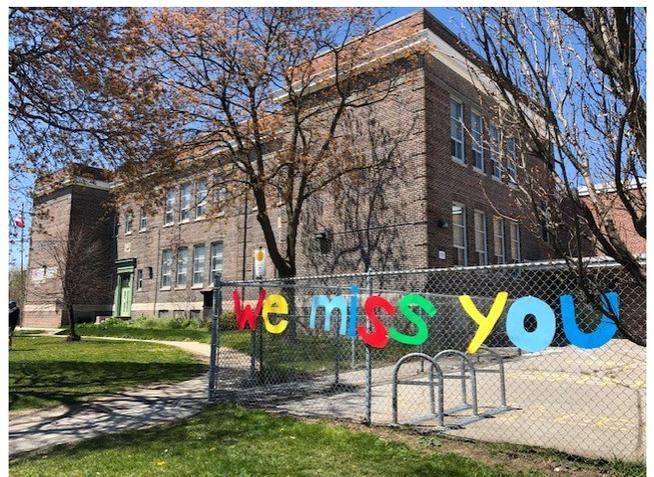
TDSB is committed to providing support to our students during this challenging time. Some of these supports included distributing devices to enable access to online learning and food certificates to purchase groceries. Our team of Guidance Counsellors for International Students continued to collaborate with school-based colleagues to conduct check-ins, hold conversations and provide support to international students. During live check-in sessions students had opportunities to share, ask questions and express their thoughts and/or concerns. In order to provide further support and to ensure more student success a new learning opportunity is available to international students. Secondary students who registered, for the first time, in February 2020 may participate in our 2020 Online Integrated Orientation and Summer School Program — at no additional charge. Similar to last year, incoming September secondary students are expected to participate in this amazing program.

For returning students who were unsuccessful with high school courses; they were encouraged to participate in Credit Recovery — at no additional charge. This program enables students to have a second attempt at failed courses. In addition, students who wish to attempt new credits the tuition fee is now \$500 per credit. Additional good news: students who are enrolled from September to June will have emergency insurance coverage extended until August. Together, the expanded learning opportunities and additional supports will generate more student success.

We value our close relationships with custodians, families and most importantly, our students.

We wish you good health.

Kien Luu
Centrally Assigned Principal





Important Message for Students and Families

We appreciate that you may have questions about the 2020-2021 school year, in particular the Fall semester. Toronto District School Board staff are working diligently to ensure programs continue to meet our high standards of academic rigour and learner experience. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, TDSB takes guidance from the Ontario Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health regarding measures that are needed for school opening and programming.

To assist with your 2020-2021 school year planning please visit our website to review four options.

Please visit our website for further details: www.StudyToronto.ca

Webinar for Students and Families



To address inquiry concerning September 2020 and the impact of the pandemic, we are hosting webinars from July 20th to July 22nd, 2020. Please select a session and join us.

English Session

July 22nd, 2020 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Chinese (Mandarin) Session

July 20th, 2020 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Vietnamese Session

July 21th, 2020 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

All dates and times are in **GMT-4 (Toronto time)**.

Zoom Meeting ID: 265 713 7806

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2020-2021
**School Year
Calendar**



The TDSB's [2020-2021 school year calendar](#) has been approved by the Ministry of Education and is now final.

First day of classes for all students is September 8.

For other important dates, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>.



Next Semester

School boards across Ontario are being asked to prepare for **three possible scenarios that will depend on the public health situation at the time of school start:**

1. Normal school day routine with enhanced public health protocols
2. Modified school day routine
3. At home learning

We advise all students to make sure you check your email on a frequent basis. Responding to our emails and joining our online program will make sure that you do not miss any opportunity.

Updates And Resources

We understand students may have questions and making future plans that is why we created an [information guide for international students](#). This is a collection of resources to help you.

Topics include contacting our staff, COVID-19 and help resources, TDSB updates, consular information from home countries, insurance, well-being, online learning and activities, and online workshops.

Access the Information Guide at <https://bit.ly/2UZF93j>.



Insurance Coverage Updates

TDSB students, your health insurance coverage is extended. Please check out the latest insurance instruction regarding COVID-19 here: <https://blog.ingleinternational.com/do-your-international-students-have-covid-19-coverage/>

Starting this summer, emergency health insurance coverage period will be extended. This provides seamless coverage throughout the summer; when students paid tuition from September to June.

The insurance packages will be delivered through email in July, for current students.

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STEP BY STEP GUIDE

1 CALL INTREPID 24/7
Call 1-866-883-9787 (Intrepid 24/7) to open a case with your wallet card. They will tell you where to go (walk-in clinic or hospital) depending on your illness and you will not need to pay up front.

2 GO TO THE CLINIC OR HOSPITAL
Once you have your case number, you can go directly to the clinic or hospital assigned by Intrepid 24/7. Bring your wallet card and personal ID with you.

3 CALL INTREPID 24/7 AGAIN
Call 1-866-883-9787 (Intrepid 24/7) if you need a follow up appointment or if you have questions. They will guide you to the next step or close your case.

ANY MAJOR ILLNESS OR INJURY MUST BE REPORTED TO INTREPID 24/7 WITHIN 48 HOURS



New Elementary Students Reporting

New elementary students who intend to arrive in Toronto physically for the September 2020 semester will complete the arrival procedures online.

School assignments, insurance documents, and further instructions will be issued after the online reporting.

New Elementary (Grade JK-8) Students Arrival Roadmap September 2020



Secondary School Interactive Map

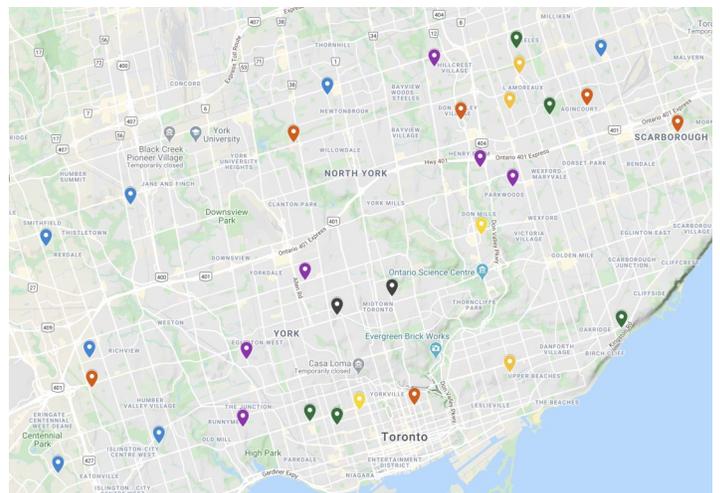


Are you a prospective student, wondering where your school is located in Toronto?

Maybe you are a new student who wants to visit a friend in a nearby school, who you met through the Summer School Program, try to search for the best route for your daily commute, or search for a park close to your school for an afternoon walk?

Take advantage of this interactive map, you will not only find the location of the schools, but also important information, such as how to contact your school, how to visit school website, who your Guidance Counsellor for International Students is, and what is in your school's neighborhood!

The map can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/3eQxvQh>.



New Secondary (Grade 9-12) Students Arrival Roadmap September 2020



New Secondary Students Reporting

New secondary students who are joining TDSB in September 2020 will complete the arrival procedures online. This will allow secondary students to register with their schools even if they are not physically in Canada.

Secondary students will need to complete step 1 (Online English Assessment) and step 2 (Online Orientation and Summer School Course Preference) before they can report to the International Education and Admissions Office.

For information on the Online Orientation and Summer School Program, please email Philip.Qian@tdsb.on.ca.

Insurance documents and further instructions will be issued after the online reporting.

Authorized Recruiter Webinars

TDSB authorized recruiters are highly valued! We conducted a number of webinars to continue to share updates and communicate directly with authorized recruiters. We can also support students in their own ways.

In May and June, we held a series of webinars based on various languages. We heard voices from different perspectives and value many suggestions on supporting our students together.

For further information on future recruiter webinars or to plan a TDSB webinar for your clients, please contact Fred.Liu@tdsb.on.ca!



Changes to Client Services

You may be aware, all Ontario public schools are closed until further notice due to the Covid-19 outbreak, and the TDSB International Students and Admissions Office will also be closed for face-to-face support during this time.

We would like to assure you that we continue to provide support via email.

Have a question? Reach us at:
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