

# TDSB New International Student Orientation

August 2025

Toronto International Student Program (TISP)

Presented by the:

International Student & Admissions Office (ISAO)



# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



“We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples”

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Indigenous-Education/Resources/Land-Acknowledgement>

# Introduction & Welcome

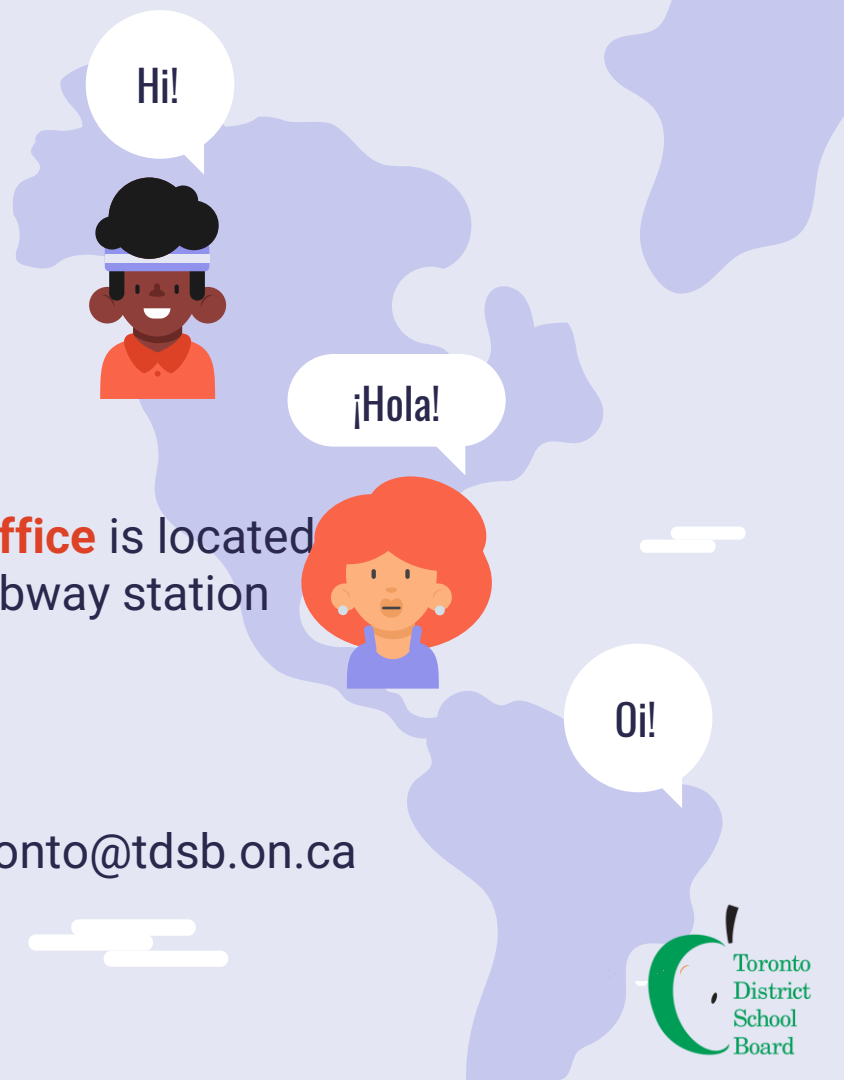
Thank you for joining us!

The **International Student & Admissions Office** is located at 5050 Yonge Street. The nearest TTC Subway station is: North York Centre Subway on **Line 1**.

Our contact information is:

**Phone:** 416-395-8120

**Email:** [studytoronto@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:studytoronto@tdsb.on.ca)



# INFORMATION RESOURCES

Important websites to check and refer to

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Study Toronto  
Travel advisory

## TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH

Advisories  
Covid19 information

## TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Board Info  
Covid19 information

## IRCC

Visas, Permits  
Documents, Travel



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# REPORTING, REGISTRATION & CUSTODIANS

Roadmap, Documentation, Tips for  
Success & Responsibilities of  
Custodians



# REPORTING ROAD MAP

Use this roadmap provided on the Study Toronto Website to make sure you have everything you need to report when you arrive.

Already reported? Great! Please call your school to arrange an appointment



## REPORTING ROADMAP

Secondary (Gr 9 - Gr 12)  
September 2025

### Before Arrival in Toronto

- ☐ Complete the online English and Math assessments.

### After Arrival in Toronto

- ☐ Complete the reporting procedure with the documents below in-person. Refer to instructions at [studytoronto.ca](http://studytoronto.ca).
  - ☐ Passport photographic page
  - ☐ Most recent transcripts (notarized in English)
  - ☐ Immunization Records (does not need to be notarized or translated into English)
  - ☐ Notarized IRCC Custodian/Parental forms (required only if the parent(s) will not be accompanying the student during their full study period)
- ☐ The International Students and Admissions Office will review the documents and send a confirmation email, along with medical insurance documents to the school.
- ☐ Attend the orientation on 10:00 AM - 13:00 PM (EST), August 26, 2025 at Northview Heights Secondary School : 550 Finch Ave. W., North York, ON M2R 1N6
- ☐ Contact your day school to register. The first day of school is September 02, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact us!

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Phone: 416-395-8120

# SCHOOL REGISTRATION

- Once Reporting at ISAO is complete
- ISAO will scan document package to your home school  
*(please allow at least 24 hrs before connecting with your home school)*
- Contact the home school GUIDANCE or STUDENT SERVICES department to book a registration appointment with your home guidance counsellor
  - Student Activity Fee upon school registration or soon after

# SCHOOL REGISTRATION PROCESS

ISAO will scan and email your documents to your home school:

- Valid Study Permit
- Valid Passport
- Most recent school documents from home country
- Immunization (Vaccine) Record
- International Student Profile Form
- Custodianship Documents Forms 1 & 2 (Notarized)
- Custodian and Homestay: Phone #s and email
- Assessment Results (high school students only)



# ATTENDANCE

Students must be in school everyday

- 24 hour voicemail available at all schools (main line)
- Absences - verify with a note or call **prior to absence** and upon the student's return
- Absence = phone call home
- 15 consecutive absences = demitted from school
- Planned absence = send note ahead of time
- Students leaving during the day MUST sign out in the main office with custodian/parental permission

# PARENT / CUSTODIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Attend Registration appointment with student**
- **Regular and ongoing communication regarding student progress**
  - Newsletters, emails, fact sheets, phone calls, letters
- **Support - student and school**
  - Ensure that the student is attending all classes
  - Attend parent-interviews, school presentations, concerts
  - Help student prepare for school (sleep, nutrition)
  - Communicate with parents regularly
  - Escort student to any appointments - medical
  - Monitor student's progress, check-ins about homework, tests etc.
  - You may request a meeting with the teacher at any time during the year
  - Make sure that your students renew and make payments on time

# MEDICAL ISSUES

- **Toronto Public Health:** <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/>
- **Immunization**
  - must be up to date and complete
  - lice, chickenpox must be reported to the School office
  - fax immunization records to TPH (does not need to be translated)
- **In case of Emergency (9-1-1)**
  - maintain correct address & phone# (custodian / home)
  - provide additional emergency contact (name, number, email)
  - provide special medical history / medication details
- **Long Term Illness, Allergies, and Medication**
  - Refrain from bringing peanut products to school and heavy fragrance
  - Inform main office if you carry an EpiPen®
  - provide medical documentation (doctor's note) for illness more than 5 days



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# LIFE AS A TDSB STUDENT

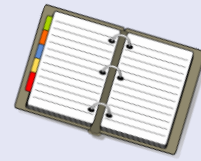
Schedule, Policies, Academics &  
Responsibilities



[www.studytoronto.ca](http://www.studytoronto.ca)



# SCHOOL RESOURCES



- Payment of Activity Fees
  - Set up School Cash Online account
- Lockers may be provided in elementary schools, bring your own combination lock
- Textbooks are provided
- Provide your own supplies (notebooks, pencils, pens, etc.) the classroom will have some supplies but having your own will be beneficial
- Contact with custodians and parents is common
- Parent nights, Curriculum nights, School performances....

# CLUBS & TEAMS at SCHOOL

What are you interested in? Sports? Art? Music? K-Pop? Chess? Baking?  
Chances are your school will have a TEAM or CLUB that you can join!

Ask your classroom teacher about opportunities at your school! It is a great way to:

- Stay healthy
- Get involved
- Make new friends
- Do something you love
- Have fun!



# DAILY ROUTINE



- “O Canada”, Land Acknowledgement & Announcements
- Bring healthy lunch - schools do not have food service
- After School Activities include Sports, Clubs, Homework Help...
- Money/Valuables – avoid bringing to school
- TDSB School Year Calendar - for holiday dates, PA days, etc.  
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>

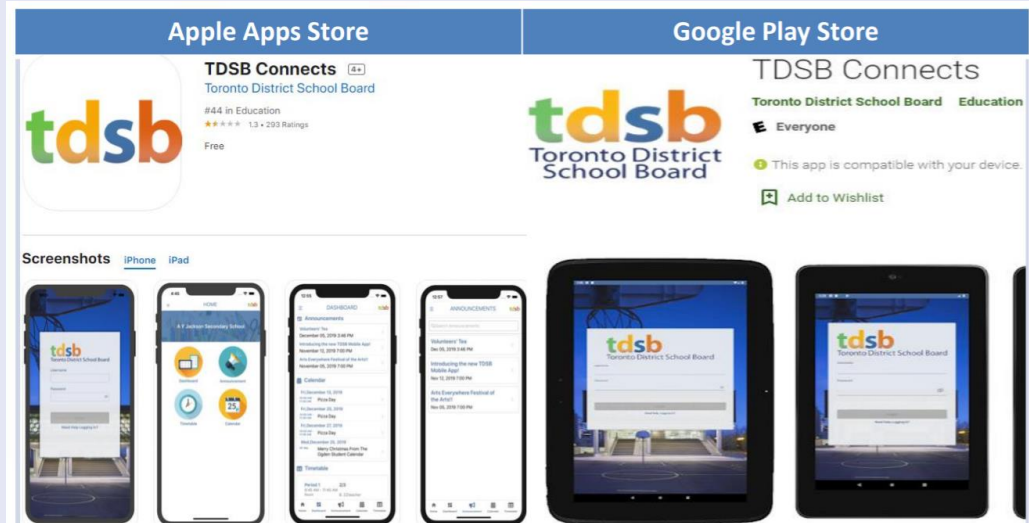
# TDSB CONNECTS APP

Download the app at Google Play or Apple to access:

- My Day
- Announcements
- Timetable
- Calendar
- School Info
- School Resources

***Use your TDSB email!***

***Location setting: Canada***





# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Student expectations and responsibilities are clearly indicated in the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Code of Conduct, which applies to all students within the TDSB.

Please review and understand the Code of Conduct in the student agenda which you will get when you register at your school, or review on your school's website.

It is also available on the TDSB - [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)

It is expected that students will:

- Be at school and be on time
- Be prepared to learn
- Complete class work, homework, and assignments in a timely fashion
- Follow all school rules



# RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS

- Let your parents know that it is common for your school to contact students' custodian and parents
- Get to know and use your school resources:
  - Library and extra-curricular activities (ranging from clubs, sports, support, volunteering opportunities, etc).
- If you want to change your custodian, please discuss with your parents, and let your school know.

# HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL

- Ask questions
- Make new friends
- Participate and try your best
- Volunteer
- Get extra help
- Speak to teachers, guidance counsellor, vice principal, principal



# SAFETY TIPS



- Parents, Guardians, Visitors must go to the school's office to 'Sign In' or 'Sign Out'
- Severe Weather
  - Bus or school cancellation, check [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) or local TV, Radio, Internet
  - Students remain in school until picked up
- Communication Record
  - **Custodian and Emergency contact information (phone/email) must be correct!**
- **Change of Address must be given to:**
  - International Students and Admissions Office
  - Your school

# REPORT BULLYING

- TDSB has strict anti-bullying policies
- TDSB is committed to creating a safe environment for all students
- Bullying online or in person will result in suspensions or expulsion from school
- If you are being bullied, talk to your teacher, parent, guardian or someone you trust and report it to the school right away.
- **Remember: You are not alone!**

**Thank You!**



**WE HOPE THIS YEAR IS  
FULL OF WONDERFUL NEW  
EXPERIENCES!**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**



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# EXIT SURVEY

