



TDSB New International Elementary Student Orientation

January 24, 2026 | Earl Haig Secondary School | Cafeteria
International Students & Admissions Office | 5050 Yonge Street 1st Floor

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe (A NISH NA BEE), the Haudenosaunee (HOE DENA SHOW NEE) Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples.

Reconnaissance des Terres Traditionnelles

Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes accueillis sur les terres des Mississaugas des Anichinabés (A NISH NA BEY), de la Confédération Haudenosaunee (HOE DENA SHOW NE) et du Wendat. Nous voulons également reconnaître la pérennité de la présence des Premières Nations, des Métis et des Inuit.





WELCOME & AGENDA

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International Students & Admissions Office Team

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Parents & Custodians

Role & Responsibilities, Medical Insurance

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Q&A

Questions & Answers

International Students & Admissions Office (ISAO)



The ISAO is located at 5050 Yonge Street on the 1st Floor
TTC: North York Centre Station, Line 1 (Yellow)



You can contact our Admissions Team all year:

416-395-8120

studytoronto@tdsb.on.ca

www.studytoronto.ca



REPORTING ROADMAP

Elementary (JK - Gr 8)
February 2026

After Arrival in Toronto

- Complete the reporting procedure **in-person** with the documents below. Refer to instructions at www.studytoronto.ca under the arrival section.
 - 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**)
 - E. Two Proof of Address with 1 from section **i**, and 1 from section **ii** in the name of the custodian or parent.
 - i.** Rental Agreement or Property Tax
 - ii.** A Bill/Statement (Hydro, Electricity, or Regular Mail)
- 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 09:30 AM - 12:00 PM (EST), January 24, 2026 at Earl Haig Secondary School: 100 Princess Ave, North York, ON M2N 3R7
- Contact your day school to register. The first day of school is January 30, 2026.

Reporting & Registration

Jan 19-30, 2026 @ ISAO

All students and families must REPORT BEFORE going to register at home school based on address. Please bring:

- Passport photo page
- Transcripts from home school
- Immunization records
- Parents bring ID **or** IRCC Custodian/Parent forms
- TWO proof of address

Questions? Call 416-395-8120 or email StudyToronto@tdsb.on.ca

The screenshot shows the TDSB website with the following elements:

- Browser address bar: tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/By-School-Name/Elementary
- Navigation tabs: EARLY YEARS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (highlighted), HIGH SCHOOL, ADULT LEARN
- Search options: Find your... (circled), School (dropdown), By Home Address, By School Name (dropdown), Elementary (selected and circled), Intermediate, Secondary, Out-of-Area Admissions, Elementary Programs, Secondary Programs
- Search results for Elementary Schools:
 - Adam Beck Junior Public School (Grades JK-06)
400 Scarborough Rd, Toronto, ON, M4E 3M8
(416) 393-1682
[Attendance Area for Regular Program - map boundary](#)
[Attendance Area - text version](#)
[↑ BACK TO LETTER SEARCH](#)
 - Africentric Alternative School (Grades JK-08)
1430 Sheppard Ave W, North York, ON, M3M 2W9
(416) 395-5251
[↑ BACK TO LETTER SEARCH](#)

Annotations:

- Arrow pointing to the browser address bar: Go to TDSB Website
- Arrow pointing to the search results: Call School to book appointment

Reporting & Registration

Jan 19-30, 2026 @ ISAO

After Reporting, parents/guardians can call the home school to arrange a Registration appointment. Please do NOT go without calling first.

The ISAO will send the Reporting Package to schools with student documents.

Students will start on January 30, 2026*

The Ontario Curriculum: Elementary

- The Arts
- French as a Second Language
- Health and Physical Education
- Language
- Mathematics
- Music
- Native Languages
- Science and Technology
- Social Studies

Elementary Student Life Classes and Teachers

Students are assigned a Homeroom teacher and class that they stay in for the year.

Homeroom teachers usually teach:

- English/Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Art
- Music/Physical Education/French/ESL*

*Students usually have a different teacher

Academic Achievement

Ontario 

Students will receive a REPORT CARD three times throughout the year:

- Progress Report - November
- Report Card - February
- Final Report Card - June

Learning Skills - Report cards include six essential skills and work habits to succeed reported as Excellent (E), Good (G), Satisfactory (S) and Needs Improvement (N)

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Initiative
- Independent Work
 - Collaboration
 - Self-Regulation

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Regular parent-teacher communication is an important part of student learning.

Parent-teacher interviews are **scheduled throughout the year after report cards are sent home**. These interviews are your opportunity to ask questions about your child's progress and to discuss any issues.

In addition to regular scheduled parent-teacher interviews, you can request a meeting at any time during the school year by contacting the school or your child's teacher directly.

*Next Parent/Teacher Conference: February 13, 2026

Maurice Cody Parents

Keeping Parents in the "Cody" know

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School Hours

2025/2026: Grades 1-5

Staff supervision and entry: 8:30am – 8:45am

Recess: 9:55am – 10:10am

Lunch: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Recess: 1:50pm – 2:05pm

Dismissal: 3:15pm

Staff supervision: 3:15 – 3:30pm

Elementary Student Life Daily Schedule/Routine

Daily Routines will vary from school to school and even by grade. Generally, schools will run:

8:30-9:00 - Staff supervision

9:00-10:20 - Classes

10:20-10:35 - Recess

10:35-11:45 - Classes

11:45-12:45 - Lunch

12:45-2:00 - Classes

2:00-2:15 - Recess

2:15- 3:30 - Classes

*Parents/Guardians are responsible for packing snacks and lunch for student

Attendance - Safe Arrival & Departure

Students are expected to be at school every day, on time for the full day and year

Parents/custodians **MUST notify the school BEFORE 9:00am** if a child will be late or absent by:

- Calling school office directly
- Calling Safe Arrival 1-833-250-2290 (Register for user account)
- Email school directly

If your child needs to be picked up before school ends for the day, a note or email is required by the school office

Attendance - Extended Absences

Occasionally, a student or family will request to leave school for an extended period of time. Students should NOT be taking vacations during the school year.

Schools and teachers are NOT required to academically accommodate students during an extended absence, and will only be *considered* with **ADVANCED notice**.

Parents/custodians should always communicate directly with their child's school about policies and expectations.



Elementary Student Life Extracurricular Activities

Schools offer a wide range of sports teams and clubs for students to engage in. All are led by teachers who volunteer their time, so what is available will be different from school to school.

Check with your child's school about options and seasons



[Excursion Management \(EMA\)](#)

Login/Register

Allows Parents/Guardians to complete field trip (excursion) Permission forms, Athletic forms and Medical forms online



[School Cash Online](#)

Login/Register

SchoolCash Online is an easy and safe way to pay for your child's school fees



School Newsletter

Sign Up

Many schools have regular newsletters that are shared with parents. Please talk to your school about how to receive

Who to Contact and when

School Support

- Academic support/questions
- Attendance
- Class field trips and activities
- School documents: Report Cards, Index Cards, Transcripts, Certificates, Awards
- Mental Health supports/ resources
- Status Change - PR, Citizenship
- Parent Work Permit change
- Address change
- Custodian change

ISAO Support

- Tuition Renewal*
- Official Letter of Acceptance* (Enrolment)
- Medical Insurance renewal*
- Status Change - PR, Citizenship
- Parent Study Permit change

Custodian/Guardian 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

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Know your Child's Policy# - MCP 077 xxx xxx
Know the Phone # - 416-640-7865 OR
1-866-883-9787

****EMERGENCIES MUST BE REPORTED TO
STUDYINSURED WITHIN 48HRS TO RECEIVE FULL
COVERAGE****

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StudyInsured Resources



StudyInsured Student Portal: <https://studyinsuredportal.ca/a/student>

- Register
- Make and track claims
- Virtual Care or make in-person doctor appointments
- Find nearby medical providers

Maple Care: <https://www.getmaple.ca/>

- FREE Virtual Doctor Appointments (No payment required, included in insurance)

Stay Healthy at School: <https://www.stayhealthyatschool.com/>

- FREE 24/7 Mental Health support in over 100 languages

Medical Resources and Information

- **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

Thinking Ahead

Grade 8 to 9 Transitions

- An important year for grade 8 students and parents/guardians to make an informed decision when choosing a secondary school.
- TDSB secondary schools will host in-person open house events and information nights in the fall of each school year (November to January) for students and parents/guardians.

Attending your residential high school

- Each residential area will have elementary schools (feeder schools) where a large number of grade 8 students will typically proceed to a specific, assigned secondary school (based on your residential address in grade 8).
- All TDSB schools follow mandatory Ontario curriculum, ensuring a standardized, high-quality education in core subjects including English/literacy, mathematics, science, social science (geography/history), French as a second language, health and physical education, technology, and arts.

Continued: Attending your residential high school

- No application process, the grade 8 school will support the process for transitioning into the residential high school
- Majority of grade 8 students will attend the residential high school due to closer proximity to their home
- Note for international students - you only have access to a residential secondary school (by home address) when in Gr.8

Schools that fee-paying students are NOT eligible

1. TDSB Virtual School - NOT ELIGIBLE

- International students must be attending school in-person and abide by study permit regulations set by IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada)

2. TDSB Alternative Schools - NOT ELIGIBLE

- Not designated secondary schools on the International Students and Admissions Office list for international students

3. *Once attending secondary school - there are restrictions if the student moves or wants to change to another TDSB secondary school.

TDSB Secondary Schools designated for fee-paying international students (grade 9-12)

- A selection of TDSB secondary schools have been designated for hosting fee-paying international students
- List is found on the International Students and Admissions Office (ISAO) website <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/internationalstudents>
- [Map of TDSB secondary schools available to international students](#)
- [TDSB secondary schools available to international students](#)

How to access: transfer process via ISAO

- Accessed through ISAO (International Students and Admissions Office) [TDSB International Education Programs](#)
- Request and complete an ISAO Secondary School Transfer Form
- Must follow eligibility requirements (requesting to change schools to access local programming ie. AP or trade-based courses)
- ISAO will connect with the assigned GCIS (Guidance Counsellor for International Students) for review prior to decision
- Access is for regular and/or local programming (not specialized programs)
- Transportation to school is the responsibility of the student

TDSB high schools with trades facilities

Construction

- [Central Technical School](#)
- [Emery CI](#)
- [Lakeshore CI](#)

Manufacturing

- [Birchmount Park CI](#)
- [Western TCS](#)

Transportation

- [Albert Campbell CI](#)
- [Central Technical School](#)
- [Emery CI](#)
- [John Polanyi CI](#)
- [Lakeshore CI](#)

Horticulture & Landscaping

- [Parkdale CI](#)
- [Stephen Leacock CI](#)

Hospitality and Tourism

- [Central Technical School](#)
- [Kipling CI](#)
- [Lakeshore CI](#)
- [Newtonbrook SS](#)
- [Northview Heights SS](#)
- [Stephen Leacock CI](#)
- [Western TCS](#)

Accommodating Secondary High Performing Athletes



- [Accommodating Secondary High Performing Athletes](#)

Accommodating Elementary High Performing Athletes

- Must be recognized as a provincial or international level competitor.
- Open for the following elementary schools / grades:
 - **Hollycrest MS (Grade 4-8)**
 - **Elia MS (Grade 6-7)**
 - **Military Trail PS (Grade 6-7)**
- Application-based, due January 30, 2026 for 26/27 year

[Accommodating Elementary High Performing Athletes](#)

Specialized Programs

- Available to all students living in the city of Toronto
- Offer programs with a specific area of focus and enrichment
- Each specialized program follows a specific admission criteria
- The application, admission and placement process for specialized programs is managed and communicated **centrally**, through the CPAO rather than by the individual schools.
- Staff at individual schools will play an important role in the review and evaluation of applicants' demonstrations of knowledge and skills.
- Students can apply for a maximum of 2 programs: one primary program choice, and one alternate program choice
- If successful, transportation is the responsibility of the applicant

Specialized Programs (formerly Central Student Interest Programs)

Specialized Programs Focus:

- Arts
- International Baccalaureate
- Leadership
- Math, Science, Technology (MST)

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/cpao/Central-Program-Admissions-Office/Specialized-Programs>

Application & Timelines

Students must apply **while in Gr.8** during the application window to be eligible for Gr.9 specialized programs, and must meet additional eligibility criteria (ie. portfolio, audition, grades, and/or testing).

(Note: for current Gr.8 students applying for Specialized Programs for 2026/27, the application opened on Nov 24, 2025 and closed on Dec 12, 2025).



Secondary School Open Houses and Information Nights



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High School Open Houses and Information Nights

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a school, TDSB schools will host in-person open houses and information sessions for parents/guardians and students between November and January.

Learn everything you need to know about our incredible variety of schools, programs and courses.

If you have questions about a specific school or open house, please [contact the school](#) directly for more information.

Note: Please check this page regularly, as schools will continue to post information about open house dates/times.



TDSB Open House Events

- For current grade 7 students, access OPEN HOUSE events will starting in November 2026, when they are in grade 8.
- For current grade 8 students, the application process has closed for the 2026/27 school year, however, students can apply in grade 9 for access to specialized programs for their grade 10 year (dependent on space and availability).

Important Dates

OCTOBER

*Attend your
Elementary School
Transition event

NOVEMBER

*Attend Secondary School Open
Houses & Information Nights

**10 - Specialized Program Application
OPENS the week of November 10**

DECEMBER

*Attend Secondary School Open
Houses & Information Nights

JANUARY

**5 - Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions
application for September 2026 - OPENS**

**23 - Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions
application CLOSES at 4:00 P.M.**

FEBRUARY

Course selection occurs
using myBlueprint

TDSB Central Program Admissions Office website: www.tdsb.on.ca/CPAO

Resources:

Grade 8 to 9 transitions and Specialized Programs

- [Beyond 8, information about transitioning from grade 8 to 9 at TDSB](#)
- [Beyond 8 - Going to High School, TDSB information session \(powerpoint\)](#)
- [TDSB Specialized Programs Questions and Answers](#)



QUESTIONS & THANK YOU!!!

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