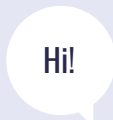


# TDSB New International Student Orientation

January 24, 2026 at Earl Haig S.S.

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>

# WELCOME & AGENDA

## Introduction & Welcome

International Students & Admissions Office Team

## Life in Toronto

Transitioning, Resources, Culture

## Medical Insurance

Study Insured, Stay Healthy At School

## Reporting, Registration & Custodians

Roadmap, Documentation, Tips for Success, Responsibilities of Custodians

## Life as a TDSB Student

Schedule, Policies, Academics, PLE & Responsibilities

## Q&A

Questions & Answers



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



# 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)



# WHAT DO WE DO?

Hi!



## GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS

### SCHOOL COUNSELLORS

### INTERNATIONAL (GCIS)

**ALL** students at school

Request for documents:  
Report Cards,  
Transcripts

School registration

Timetable change/  
Course Selection

**International Students** at specific schools

Transitioning to new environment

Medical Insurance,  
Study Permit, Tuition,  
Visa Information

## ALL COUNSELLORS ARE HERE TO:

Listen, Advise, Help, Problem Solve, Plan



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# 1. LIFE IN TORONTO



# INFORMATION RESOURCES

Important websites to check and refer to

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Study Toronto  
Admissions

## TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH

Advisories  
Health information

## TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

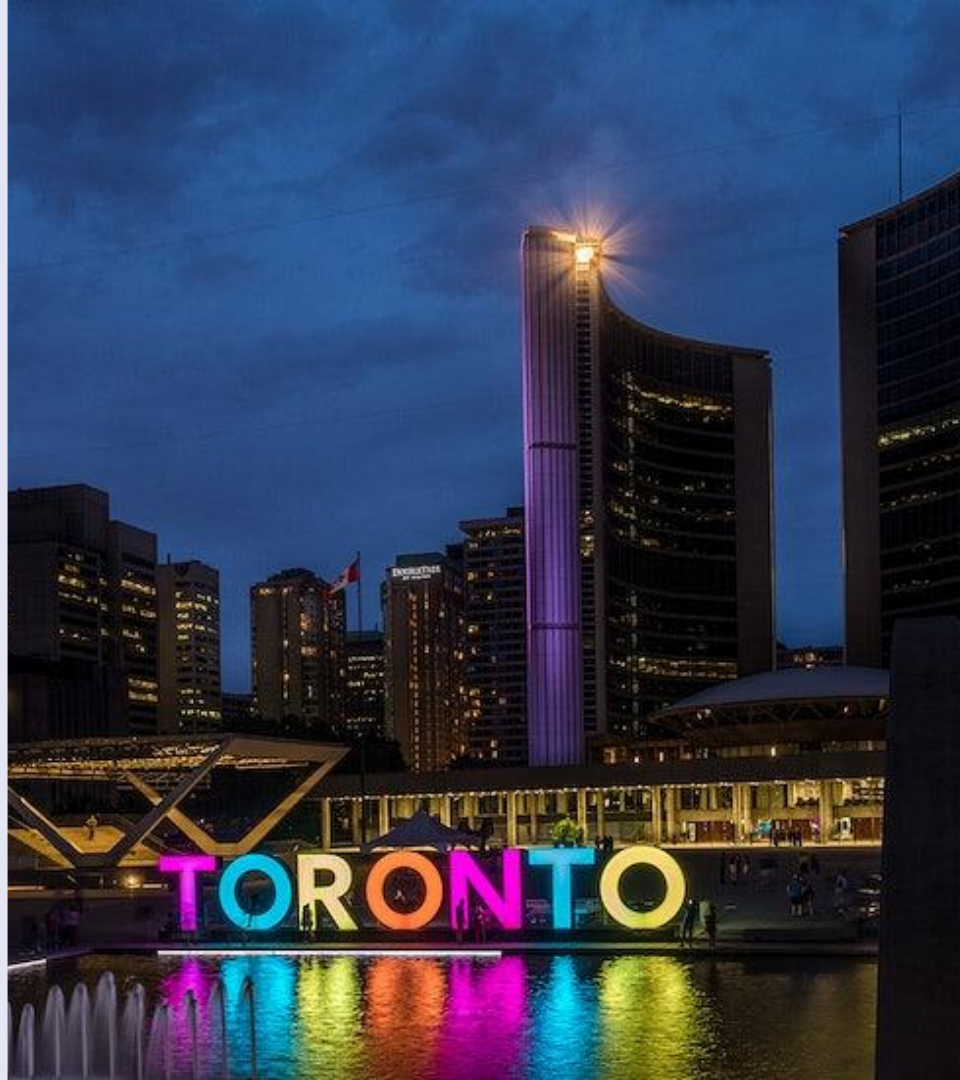
Board Info  
Events, News

## IRCC

Visas, Permits  
Documents, Travel

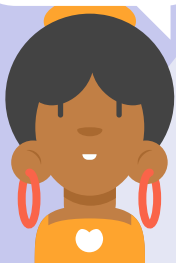


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# LIVING IN TORONTO

Ni hao!



## DIVERSITY

Toronto is one of the most diverse cities in the world. Almost 200 languages are spoken here



## TRANSPORTATION

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and Metrolinx is the public transportation system that includes subway, buses and streetcars (\$2.40 for 13-19 with 2hr transfer)

Kia Ora!



## WEATHER (WINTER)

Toronto can get VERY COLD and dark in the winter. Be sure to prepare with GOOD footwear, hat, scarf, gloves



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# REPORTING, REGISTRATION & CUSTODIANS

Getting Started with the TDSB and  
your School

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:  
JANUARY 30, 2026**



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



# REPORTING ROAD MAP

Already reported? Great! Please call your school to arrange an appointment, otherwise go to ISAO with the following:

- ☐ Passport, Transcripts, Immunizations
- ☐ Notarized IRCC Custodian/Parental forms\*

You will receive a confirmation email after verification including Medical Insurance for student

\*Only if Parent(s) will NOT be here with student during full study period



## REPORTING ROADMAP

Secondary (Gr 9 - Gr 12)

February 2026

### 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 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.

If you have any questions, please contact us!

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

Phone: 416-395-8120

# VITAL ENGLISH & MATH ASSESSMENT

You have received emails to complete the Vital Assessment test - **this must be completed BEFORE registration at school**

Questions about Assessment?

Contact [Philip.Qian@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Philip.Qian@tdsb.on.ca)



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



# REVIEW REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

ISAO will scan and email your documents to **YOU AND your home school:**

- Most recent transcripts from home country
- Immunization (Vaccine) Record
- Custodianship Documents Forms 1 & 2 (Notarized)
- Custodian and Homestay: **Current & Local Phone #s** and email
- Assessment Results (high school students only)

The ISAO will create a Student Profile document to share

# IV. SCHOOL REGISTRATION

You AND the school will receive a confirmation email from ISAO:

**Subject: “Please Register STUDENT NAME, TISP #”**

Please register TISP#: 2023 at Newtonbrook Secondary School

## AFTER you receive this email:

- ☐ Call or email your school to make a REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT with Guidance - you may also reply to the Confirmation Email (above)
- ☐ School will confirm date and time for appointment

When you call: “Hi, I’d like to make a Guidance registration appointment for a fee paying international student. The ISAO has sent our documents, when can we come to register?”

# FIRST GUIDANCE APPOINTMENT

- ☐ At this appointment you will meet your **SCHOOL counsellor**
- ☐ Receive your Timetable (Class schedule) with classes
- ☐ Review ENG/MATH results, previous transcript (for PLEs)
- ☐ Review Ontario Secondary School Graduation (OSSD) requirements
- ☐ Review courses offered at your language level and/or grade level

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE - ESL

ESL placement is based on  
**LEVEL OF ABILITY/COMPETENCY**  
NOT by grade or age

Can take up to 2 ESL/ENG courses per school year due to semesters (one per semester).



# Previous Learning Equivalency Credits

**What is PLE?** This process involves a **review of your grade 9, 10, 11, and/or 12 transcripts from outside of Ontario** for Previous Learning Equivalency towards your OSSD diploma.

**Who reviews?** Home School guidance counsellor

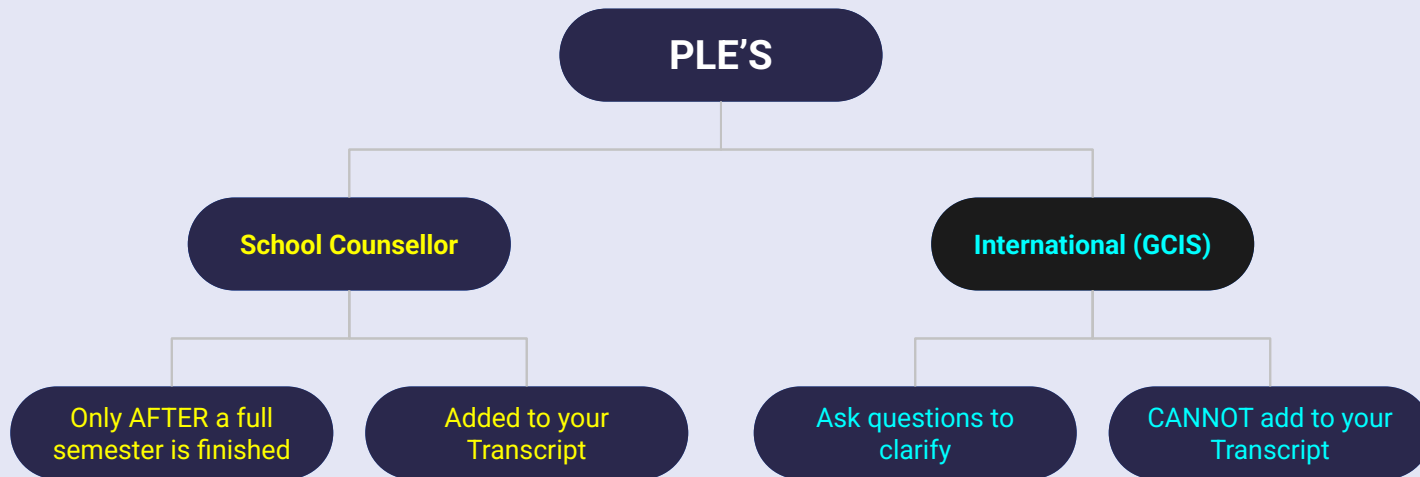
**When added?** Once student has successfully finished a minimum of one semester in TDSB

**Where documented?** Transcript and Student Status Sheet

**Example:**      Equivalency Credits   PLE   EQV   8

# PLE Questions

For more about your PREVIOUS LEARNING credits:



# Graduation Requirements for OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma)



1. Minimum of **30 credits** including
  - compulsory and elective courses across grades 9 - 12
  - Any assigned *PLE's* are counted towards the 30 credits\*
2. **Ontario Literacy** Requirement (OSSLT Literacy Test/Course)
3. **40 Community Service Hours** (Volunteering)
4. **2 e-learning courses** (through e-Learning Department)
  - or signed "opt out" form

[Requirements for OSSD](#)

# Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement

- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is a computer-based test that measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Gr. 9.
- Students write the OSSLT, in their Gr. 10 year (or higher),
  - *except ESL A, B, C and D are normally “deferred” to write OSSLT in a later year to have more time to gain academic language proficiency across curriculum.*
- Successful score is 70% (Level 3, or OSSLT scoreband of 300)
- If unsuccessful, students may attempt the OSSLT test the next school year, or may enrol in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OLC40).
- [Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test \(OSSLT\)](#)

# Community Service Hours

- Purpose: to deepen an awareness for civic responsibility
- Gain new skills and connect to community
- Must be on the approved activity list (pg. 2 of form)
- Form or Letter to be completed by organization
- Submit form/letter to school's guidance department (or per school process), to be recorded in school system.
- For each semester or school year you were PLE'd for credits, you will also be PLE's for community service hours
  - ie. if you gained 8 PLE credits for grade 9, you will also be awarded 10 volunteer hours.

[Community Service Form](#)

# Online Learning Requirement

- New graduation requirement for secondary students
- Complete two e-Learning credits
- Promotes digital literacy and skills to support learning for success after graduating.
  - E-learning credits at TDSB are offered through night school and summer school at an additional cost to International Students (\$1500/course)
- If students do not have the opportunity to take an e-learning course, they may withdraw/opt out of this new requirement by completing the “opt out” form through school guidance dept.

# ATTENDANCE

## Students **must** be in school everyday | ABSENCES MUST BE REPORTED TO SCHOOL BY CUSTODIAN

- Absences - **CUSTODIAN OR PARENT** must verify with an email or call school before 9:00am and upon the student's return
- **Unexplained Absence** = phone call home by school
- **15 consecutive absences** = can be demitted from school
- **Chronic/multiple unexplained absences** = can be demitted/denied renewal
- **Planned absence** = notify your school, teachers, counsellors \*form
- Students leaving during the day MUST sign out in the main office with custodian/parental permission
- See Student Handbook for more information



# IRCC CUSTODIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- You are the **LEGAL** adult responsible for student
- You must be available for contact by school, student and homestay
- 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

**Join our Online Custodian Orientation on February 19, 2026 @ 6:00pm**



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# MEDICAL CONCERNS AND SCHOOL

- **Toronto Public Health Resources/Information:**  
<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/>
- **Immunization and up-to-date records**
  - must be up to date and complete
  - measles, chickenpox, lice 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) with school
  - 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



# REPORTING IMMUNIZATION

- Ontario requires that students be vaccinated against nine designated diseases or have a valid exemption: **Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Meningococcal, Pertussis (whooping cough), Varicella (chickenpox)** – only applies to students born on or after 2010
- International students (16+) and/or the legal custodian must submit immunization records to Toronto Public Health (TPH) by regular mail, fax or email [immunization@toronto.ca](mailto:immunization@toronto.ca)
- Immunization records do NOT need to be translated
- **TPH will review immunization documents and notify by letter if information or vaccines are missing**
- The letter will include instructions for “next steps”, and TPH contact information
- **If students do not comply with TPH about vaccine information in the timeframe provided, the Medical Officer of Health will issue suspension orders to the schools’ principal**



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# Insurance Orientation

## TORONTO DSB

# What do I need to do to **access** my StudyInsured™ Health insurance?




- TDSB has already enrolled you!  
**No action required!**
- You will receive your insurance confirmation  
**to your email**
- If you arrive to Canada and have not received your insurance confirmation email, contact the  
**TDSB team**

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**Your access to  
virtual doctors**

You now have access to Maple's online network of general practitioners, through MSH International. [Register](#) or [log in](#) to use this service. Read this guide to learn more about your coverage and how to sign up.

# studyinsured™

## Student Portal - How to Register

Please follow the below steps to create your account on the StudyInsured™ Student Portal

- 1 Access the Portal**

Open your web browser and go to [www.studyinsuredportal.co.uk](http://www.studyinsuredportal.co.uk)
- 2 Begin the Registration Process**

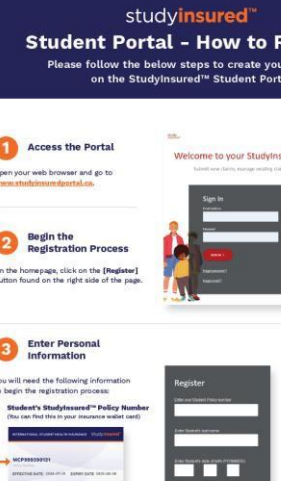
On the homepage, click on the **[Register]** button found on the right side of the page.
- 3 Enter Personal Information**

You will need the following information to begin the registration process:

**Student's StudyInsured™ Policy Number**  
(You can find this file in your insurance wallet card)

**NEEDS IDENTIFIER**

→ **Student's Last Name**  
→ **Student's Date of Birth**



The image shows a sequence of three screenshots from the StudyInsured Student Portal registration process. The first screenshot shows the homepage with a 'Register' button highlighted in a red box. The second screenshot shows the 'Welcome to your StudyInsured™ Student Portal' page with a 'Sign In' form and a 'Register' button highlighted in a red box. The third screenshot shows the 'Register' form with fields for 'Policy Number', 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Date of Birth', and 'Email Address', with a 'Next' button highlighted in a red box.

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Expiry Date	2023-09-01				
Insured Person	John Smith				
Plan Type	Comprehensive International Student Insurance				

(For completion in order 18, the name is the insured person's legal name)

**Thank you for your confidence in studyinsured®.**

Please find enclosed a copy of your international student insurance policy document. Please read your policy carefully as it contains important limitations and exclusions that may affect your coverage.

Your policy comes with an emergency assistance wallet card. It contains the phone you access to 24/7 emergency assistance, health care, and claims information. Please carry your wallet card with you at all times, as it will contain the contact information you will need in the event of a medical emergency.

A claim form has been included for your convenience. You also have the option of downloading the form and submitting your claim online.

Visit our website at  
to access all the information and tools available to you

- Download a summary of benefits in your language
- Download your policy wording
- Learn what to do in case of emergency

- Submit your claim online
- Find a direct-pay medical facility
- Receive medical claims reimbursement

If you require medical treatment or hospitalization, you MUST contact the 24-hour claims and emergency assistance helpline at the number written on your wallet card.

If you have any queries, please contact us at 1-888-938-8888 (toll free in North America) or at 1-888-644-4870 (subject call restrictions). We wish you a pleasant stay in Canada and the best of luck with your studies.

Best regards,  
The StudyInsured® Team

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY YOU MUST CONTACT:**

Emergency 24/7  
1-888-938-9787 1-416-644-7865

Emergency Assistance is provided 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

For general inquiries, please contact us at  
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**HCP** **025 188327**

<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 2022-09-01	<b>EXPIRY DATE:</b> 2023-09-01
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**Web photo ID must be presented at all times with this plan.**  
Please refer to the policy wording for details on the coverage. Effective Date and Expiry Date.

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Your Insurance:  
**The COMPREHENSIVE+ Plan**



# Plan basics



Covers **UNEXPECTED** illnesses or injuries

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Can be used **worldwide** except for your home country

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Is supported **24/7** by a multilingual Assistance Team

# Your StudyInsured<sup>TM</sup> health insurance **covers:**



Medical care at hospitals, clinics, and online



Psychiatric, psychological care



Emergency dental care



Emergency Prescription drugs



Paramedical services



Emergency transportation and Repatriation

Emergencies related to pre-existing conditions are **covered**

# Your StudyInsured Health™ insurance **does NOT cover:**



- Ongoing care for chronic conditions
- Routine prescription medications
- Dental check-ups, cleanings, or orthodontic care



Support & Services

# Assistance available 24/7



- ✓ Available 24/7 in multiple languages
- ✓ Answers your questions about coverage, guidance with the Canadian health care system, help with locating medical providers, assistance with claim submissions, etc.




# Your student insurance website

- ✓ Download policy wordings, claim forms, and summary of benefits (in multiple languages)
- ✓ Access the member portal to submit claims
- ✓ Simple guides and other resources
- ✓ Link to buy insurance for family, friends, super visas, etc.



[www.studyinsured.com/TDSB](http://www.studyinsured.com/TDSB)


## Student insurance website: Seeing a doctor online




If you have an emergency, call 911 or go to the hospital.  
Whenever you need medical care, call StudyInsured™ Assistance.

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See a doctor online for:




Cough/Sore Throat




Earache




Urinary Tract Infection




Upset Stomach




Sinus Infection



Rash/Hives/ Allergies



Cold/Flu



Video chat with a doctor on your phone, tablet or computer for these issues and more.

Fast - Easy - No travel or waiting rooms - Prescriptions available

[Sign Up / Login](#) [Learn More](#)

[www.studyinsured.com/TDSB](http://www.studyinsured.com/TDSB)



- ✓ Click **Sign Up/Login** to register
  - ✓ See a doctor online for minor illnesses
  - ✓ Secure video connection
  - ✓ Prescriptions available
  - ✓ Cost-free for StudyInsured students
- TM




## Student insurance website:

# Doctor/clinic search tool

Find a medical provider

For an in-person visit



**Prepare for your visit:**

1. Call the provider to check if you need an appointment and/or confirmation of coverage.
2. To get confirmation of coverage, [call StudyInsured™ Assistance](#).
3. Bring confirmation of coverage, photo ID, and your insurance wallet card to your appointment.

Enter Your Policy Number to Find the Closest Medical Provider

Policy Number eg: MCP999123456

[Search](#)

You can find your policy number on your insurance wallet card or your insurance confirmation.  
[View insurance wallet card examples](#)

1. Enter your policy number
2. Click **Search**
3. View listings on the map
4. Listings with **Direct Pay: Yes** are locations where you do not need to pay out of your own pocket

[www.studyinsured.com/TDSB](http://www.studyinsured.com/TDSB)



**IMPORTANT NOTE!**



**StudyInsured™ Assistance**  
must be notified of serious illness or  
injury **ASAP** to a max of 48 hours!

If not, eligible benefits may only be paid at **80%**.

**1.866.883.978**

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## Making a Claim

# Making a claim: Submitting your claim



## STUDENT INSURANCE WEBSITE

Submit your completed claim and attach your supporting documents

[www.studyinsured.com/TDSB](http://www.studyinsured.com/TDSB)



## EMAIL

Put the details of your claim in the body of the email and attach all supporting documents

[studentclaims@studyinsured.com](mailto:studentclaims@studyinsured.com)

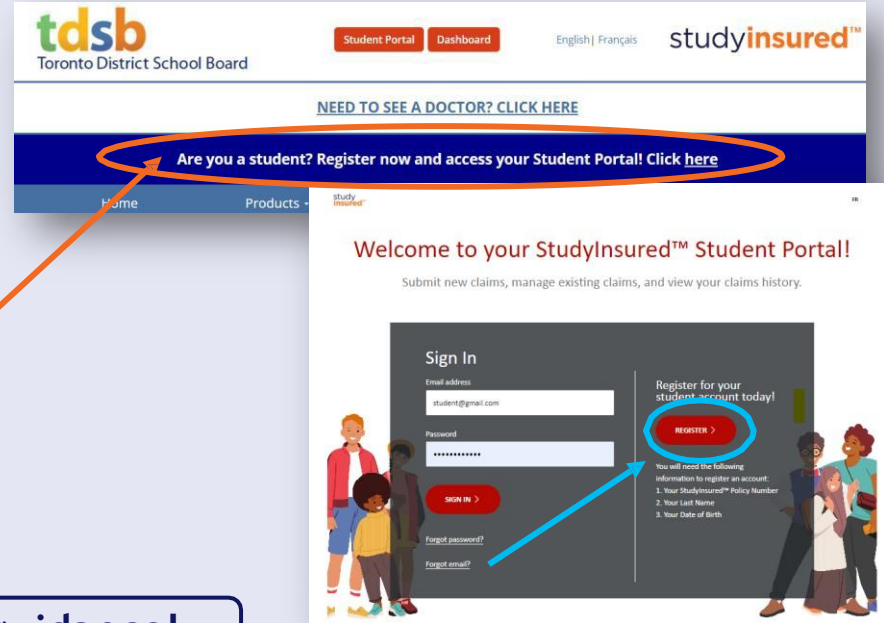
# Step 1 - Register for the member portal

1. Visit [www.studyinsured.com/TDSB](http://www.studyinsured.com/TDSB)
2. Click on the banner
3. Click **REGISTER** and complete form

To complete registration you will need your:

- Your StudyInsured™ Policy Number
- Your Last Name
- Your Date of Birth

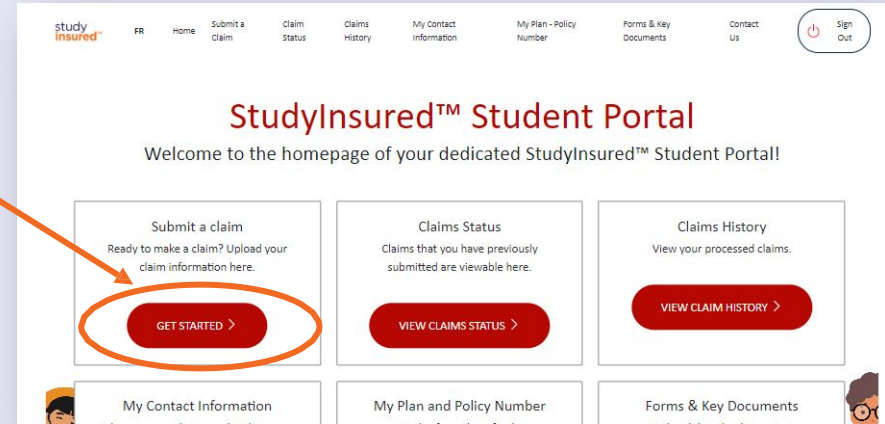
Questions? Call **1.866.883.9787** for guidance!



# Step 2 - Submit your claim online

After registering...

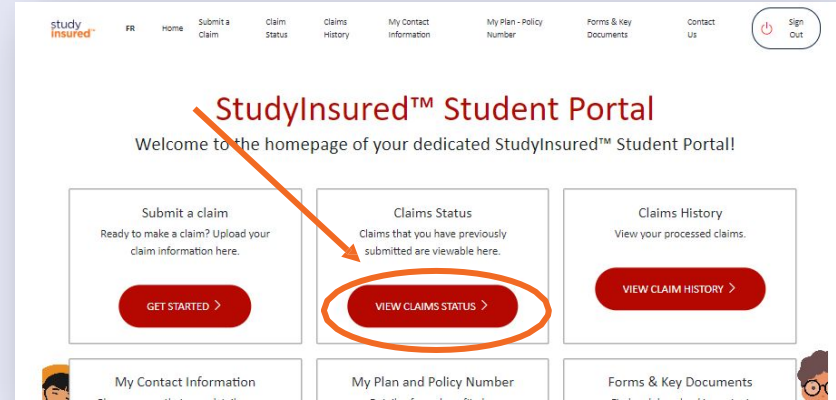
1. Log into the student portal
2. Click ***Get Started*** in the block that says ***Submit a claim***
3. Complete the required information



Questions? Call **1.866.883.9787** for guidance!

## Step 3 - Check the status of your claim **at any time.**

1. Log into the student portal
2. Click **VIEW CLAIMS STATUS** in the block that says **Claims Status**
3. View the Explanation of Benefits and follow the necessary instructions



Questions? Call **1.866.883.9787** for guidance!





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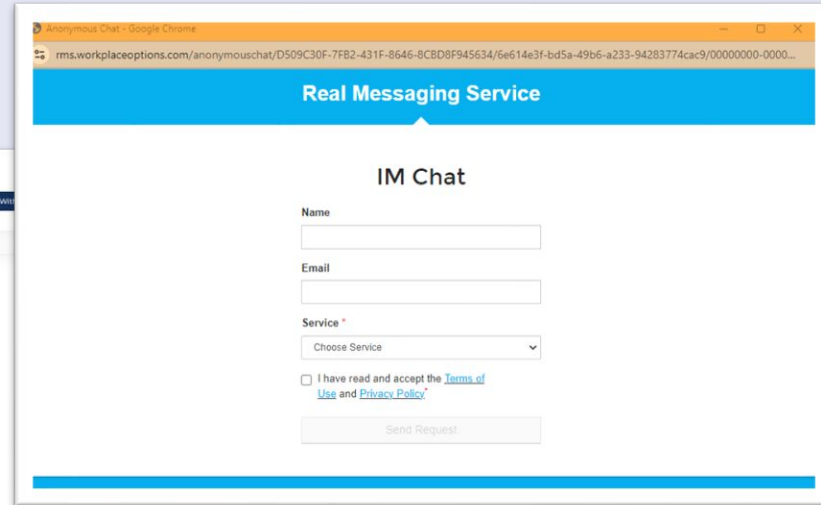
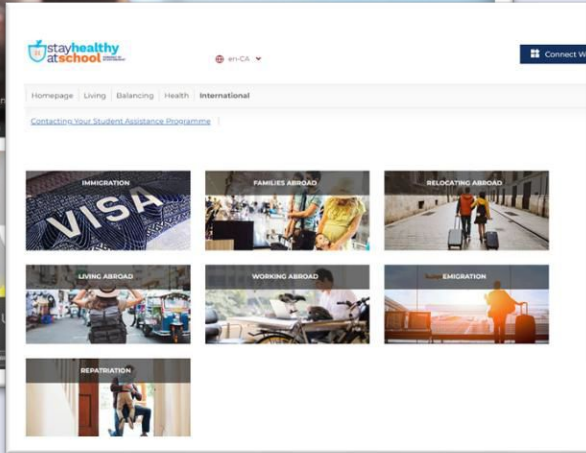
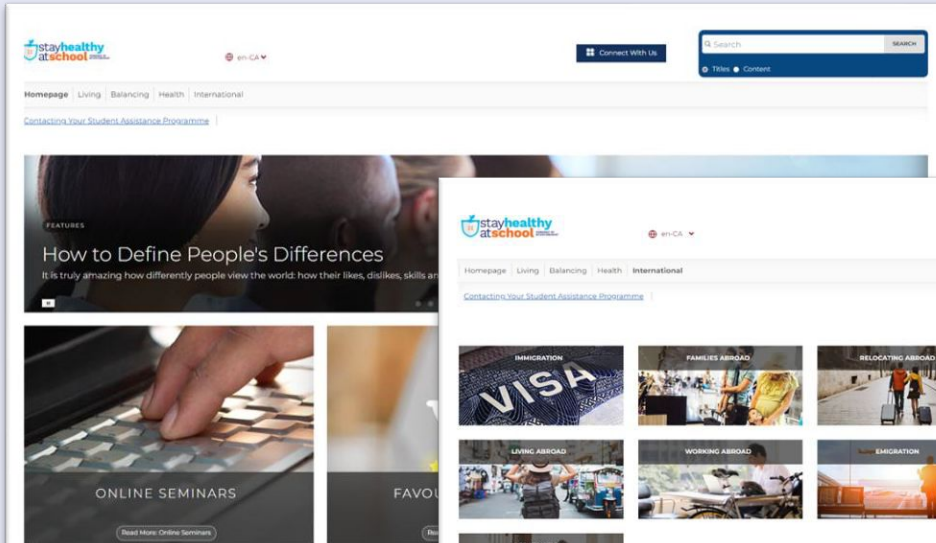
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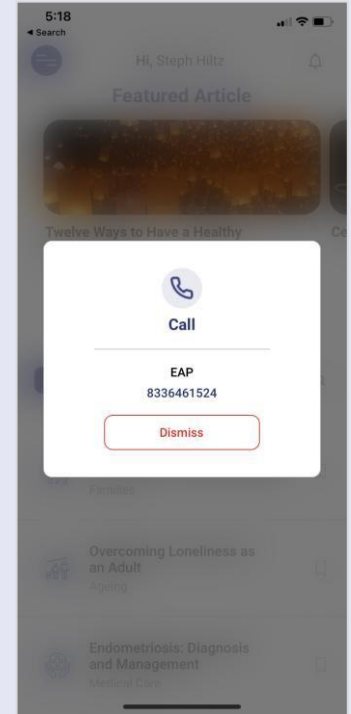
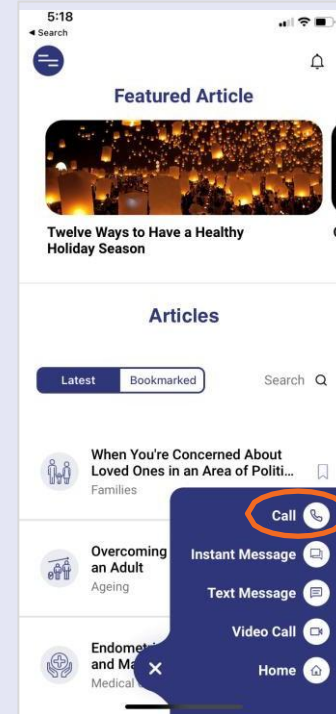
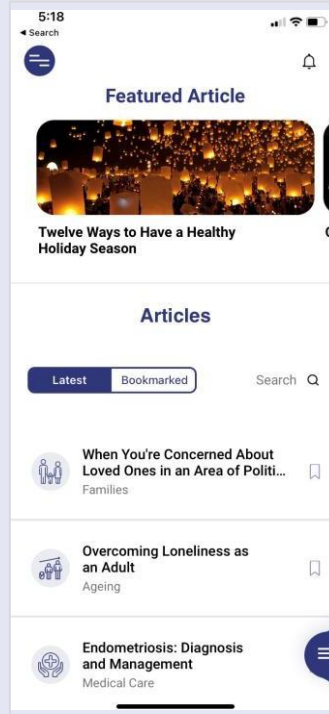
# Online Access

- [ca.helpwhereyouare.com](https://ca.helpwhereyouare.com)
- Company code: SHAS



# Using the App

- iConnectYou
- Click on “Sign Up”
- Passcode: SHAS



# Connect whenever you need it

**1 833 646 1524**

- ✓ Immediate support, 24/7
- ✓ Schedule appointments
- ✓ 100+ languages



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# LIFE AS A TDSB STUDENT

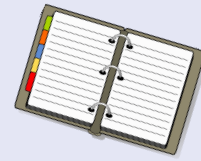
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# SCHOOL RESOURCES



- Payment of School Registration Fee / School Activity Fee
  - Set up School Cash Online account once Student ID becomes available
- Agenda & Timetable
- Lockers provided, bring your own combination lock
- Student Photo ID card is also your TTC (Toronto Public Transit) Card
- Textbooks are provided
- Provide your own supplies (notebooks, pencils, pens, etc.)
- Contact with custodians and parents is common
- Parent nights, Curriculum nights, School performances....



# 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

## KEY DATES:

**January 30** - First Day of Semester 2 classes

**February 16** - Family Day (holiday)

**March 16 - 20** - March Break

**April 3 & 6** - Good Friday & Easter Monday (holiday)

**Victoria Day** - May 18, 2026

**June 17 - 23** - Semester 2 Exams (Secondary)

## KEY DATES – SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2025-2026

The official school year calendar for the Toronto District School Board runs from September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, inclusive

Professional Activity Days	September	October	November	January	February	June
Elementary Schools	26	10	14	16	13	5, 26
Secondary Schools	26	10	14	29	13	25, 26

Designation of Professional Activity Days	
Elementary	Secondary
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Last Day for Students – June 25, 2026	

EQAO: - The following dates have been established:

Gr. 9 Math: TBD

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OSSLT: TBD

Primary/Junior EQAO: TBD

Dates to Remember - School Year Holidays (as per Ministry of Education)	
Labour Day:	September 1, 2025
Thanksgiving:	October 13, 2025
Winter Break:	December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026
Family Day:	February 16, 2026
Mid-Winter Break:	March 16-20, 2026
Good Friday:	April 3, 2026
Easter Monday:	April 6, 2026
Victoria Day:	May 18, 2026

# 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 home Guidance Counselor at your Registration appointment about opportunities at your school! It is a great way to:

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



# Student Panel

- Jade
- Aralyn
- Diana



# International Student Ambassadors

- TDSB's official student organization for international students
- Assist new students onboard
- International students' resources
- Experience-building for interns students
- Create your own project, earn Canadian experience, and build up your resume!

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# SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<b>Regular Daily Schedule</b>	<b>Day A (assigned to odd calendar days) e.g. September 7</b>	<b>Day B (assigned to even calendar days) e.g. September 8</b>
9:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Class A*	Class B*
10:25 - 11:40 a.m.	Class B	Class A
11:40 - 12:40 p.m.	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:40 - 1:55 p.m.	Class C	Class D
2:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Class D	Class C

\* includes 5 minutes for opening exercises/announcements

# DAILY ROUTINE



- “O Canada”, Land Acknowledgement & Announcements
- Bring healthy lunch - not all schools have food service
- After School Activities include Sports, Clubs, Homework Help...
- Money/Valuables – avoid bringing to school
- High School Classrooms Rotate by Subject
- Final Examinations and / or Culminating Assignments
- TDSB School Year Calendar - for holiday dates, PA days, etc.

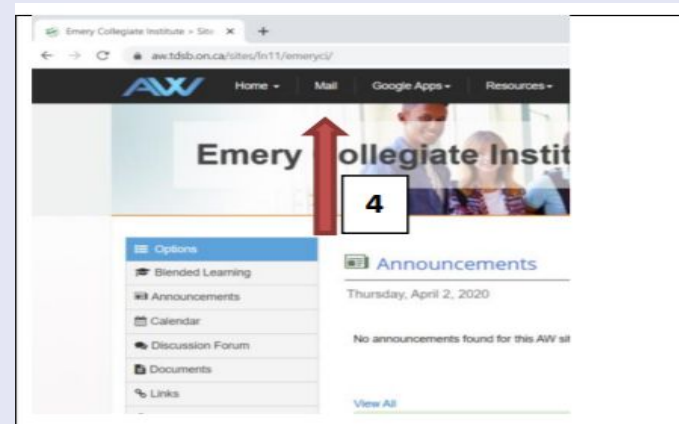
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>



# CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

Access TDSB email and TDSB Google Drive through Academic Workspace at <https://aw.tdsb.on.ca>.

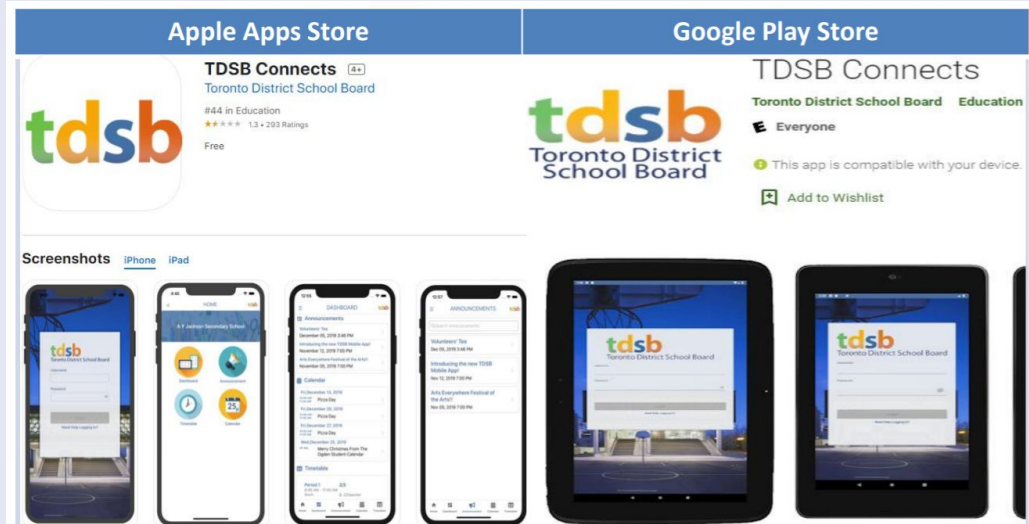
Enter your SCHOOL student number (9 digits) and password.



# 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***



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# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Student expectations and responsibilities are clearly indicated in the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Code of Conduct, which applies to all students at 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 and accumulate credits
- Complete class work, homework, and assignments in a timely fashion
- Follow all school rules



# RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS

- IRCC asks our office about your attendance when you renew study permit
- 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 with OSSLT test, volunteering opportunities, etc).
  - Guidance counsellors (including GCIS)
  - Settlement workers
- Planning for your education is critical, consult one of the guidance counsellors.
- If you want to change your custodian or homestay, 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



- **Covid-19: Students are welcome to wear a medical mask at school (optional)**
  - [Toronto Public Health](#)
- 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

# Protecting Yourself from Scams



- **Always Be on Alert**

- Unknown caller claiming to be from government agency or police
- Sense or urgency
- Threatening comments; asking for personal information or money

- **Be Aware of what you post online**

- **Be Suspicious** of urgent demands

- **What to Do**

- Hang up the call, ignore text message, or scam email
- Check with parent or legal custodian
- If become a victim, report to bank or financial institution, contact local police, report to Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre
- More information from Government of Canada: Scams and Fraud

# 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!**



**TDSB INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO:**

# **LUNAR NEW YEAR Lunch**

**Join us in celebrating  
the Year of the Horse!**

**Thursday, February 12, 2026**

**11:30am to 1:15pm**

**Location: Yueh Tung Restaurant  
126 Elizabeth St.**

**•Cost per lunch combo: \$23.70  
(includes tax and tip)**

**Permission and Medical Form**



**Lunch Payment Link**





**Thank You!**

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

**ANY QUESTIONS?**