



Adult ESL

2025-2026

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your English

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- ✓ Flexible class schedules
- ✓ Wide variety of classes

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Enroll Anytime!

Full time classes
begin Monday,
Sept. 8, 2025

Evening classes
begin Monday,
Sept. 8, 2025

Full time classes
end Friday,
June 26, 2026

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Welcome

to ESL at the Toronto District School Board

Gaining proficiency in English is very important for many newcomers and residents in Toronto. The TDSB offers a variety of general language training classes and also a host of specialized classes. We serve learners at all levels from those with little or no formal education to those with post-secondary degrees. Classes are offered at all levels using the Canadian language benchmarks from literacy levels to CLB 8. Please see the course descriptions on page 4.

WHY CHOOSE TDSB?

- Free classes
- Professional instructors
- Locations across the city
- Flexible class schedules
- Continuous enrollment
- Regular assessments
- All levels and specialty classes
- Many locations accessible by public transit

Eligibility

WHAT IS YOUR STATUS IN CANADA?

We welcome Canadian residents 18 years and over into our classes. If you are a Canadian resident, classes are free to eligible* learners.

The following are some categories for eligible* Canadian residents:

- Refugee claimants
- Canadian citizens born outside of Canada
- Permanent residents
- Convention refugees / protected persons
- Persons who have a letter of initial approval of permanent residence from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

DOCUMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION

You will be required to bring the appropriate documents* when you go to the YMCA for an assessment and registration. These include PR (Permanent Resident) card and Citizenship card. In addition, you need to bring photo identification such as a passport, driver's license, health card etc.

*For more information about eligibility or acceptable documents please visit the YMCA Assessment and Referral Centre site: ymcagta.org/language or call 416 925-5462.

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. We have a long history of supporting adults to improve and upgrade their English language skills needed to settle and integrate into society and to participate in the labour market. The TDSB is also the largest provider of ESL classes in North America.



Registration

Fall Classes: Weekday classes start Sept 8, 2025. Saturday classes start Sept 13, 2025. Registration by email or phone **starts September 2, 2025**. Please visit our website or contact one of our ESL Administration sites for more details.

Returning Learners

A returning learner is someone who has attended our classes in the past 2 years. Please contact one of our administration centre to register for a class. You will need your identification, your student reference number and a referral form or recent report from your last class.

New Learners

Step 1: Find out your level. Call the YMCA Assessment and Referral Centre at 416 925-5462 or email them at test@ymcagta.org to book an assessment. Contact one of our ESL Administration Centres if you need assistance to make an appointment.

Step 2: Need more information? Please visit our website at www.esltoronto.ca for more information.

Step 3: Get assessed and register. Once you have been assessed at the YMCA your assessor will assist you in finding the right class for you. You will be given a referral form. Please bring this with you on the first day of classes along with your photo ID to show to your instructor.

YMCA Referral Centres

1. **Downtown Toronto Central:**
[365 Bloor Street E, 18th Floor](#)

2. **Etobicoke - Albion Road (Inside the Albion Centre):** [1530 Albion Road, Unit 83](#)

3. **North East- Toronto:**
[2 Lansing Square, Suite 700](#)

4. **North West - Toronto Dufferin Street:**
[4580 Dufferin Street, 2nd Floor](#)

5. **Scarborough - Milner Business Court:**
[10 Milner Business Court, Suite 60](#)

ESL Administration Centres

Administration centres open fully from Sept 8, 2025 to June 26, 2026. Please see office hours below.

SOUTH

Bickford Centre: 777 Bloor St. West, M6G 1L6
(Bloor & Christie)
416-393-0528

Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 3:00pm

Mon. - Thurs. 6:30pm - 8pm

Saturday: 9:00am - 11:00am

Jones Avenue Learning Centre : 540 Jones Avenue
(Danforth and Jones) Back entrance # 4.
ConEdJonesAvenueESL@tdsb.on.ca | **416-393-9645**
Mon. - Fri. 8:45am - 3:15pm

NORTH

John Polanyi Adult Learning Centre: 640 Lawrence Avenue West, M6A 1B1 (Lawrence & Allen Expressway)
ConEdJohnPolanyiESL@tdsb.on.ca | **416-395-4980**
Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 2:30pm
Mon. - Thurs. 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am - 12:30pm

North Central Adult ESL Centre: 5075 Yonge Street, 10th Floor, M2N 6C6 (Yonge & Sheppard)
ConEdNorthCentralESL@tdsb.on.ca | **416-395-8461**
Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 3:30pm

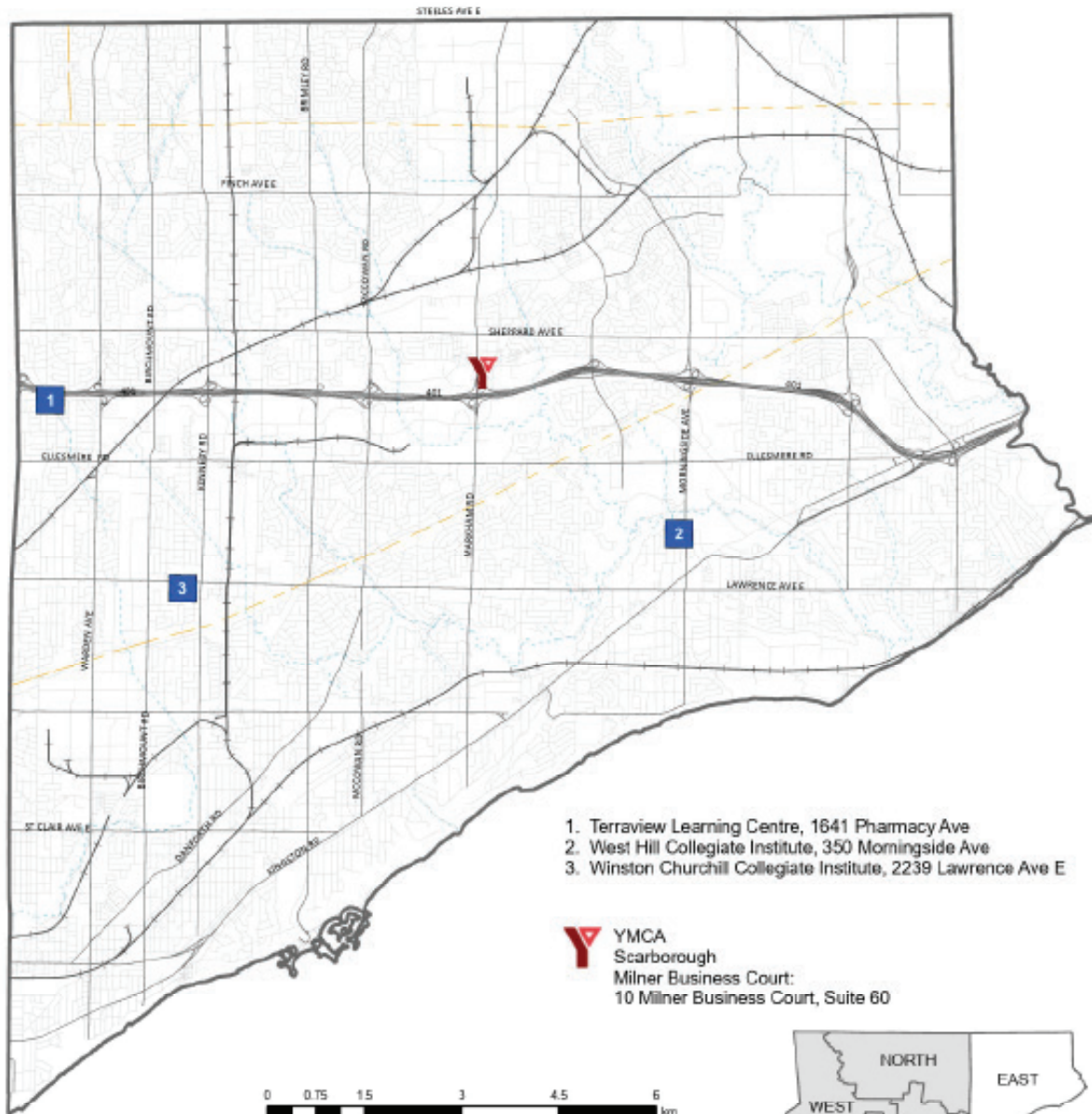
Overland Learning Centre: 55 Overland Drive, M3C 2C3
(Lawrence & Don Mills)
ConEdOverlandESL@tdsb.on.ca | **416-395-5080**
Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 2:30pm / Mon, Wed. 6:30 - 8:30pm

EAST

Winston Churchill Adult ESL Centre 2239 Lawrence Avenue East, M1P 2P7, Room A123 (Lawrence & Kennedy)
ConEdWinstonChurchillESL@tdsb.on.ca | **416-396-6909**
Mon.- Fri. 9:00am - 2:30pm / Mon. & Wed. 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Please use Entrance 10 on the west side of the building

WEST

Mimico Adult Learning Centre -Entrance 1 at the south end side of the building: 255 Royal York Road, M8V 2V8 (Lakeshore & Royal York)
ConEdMimicoESL@tdsb.on.ca | **416-394-6253**
Wednesdays & Thursdays — 9:00am - 2:30pm



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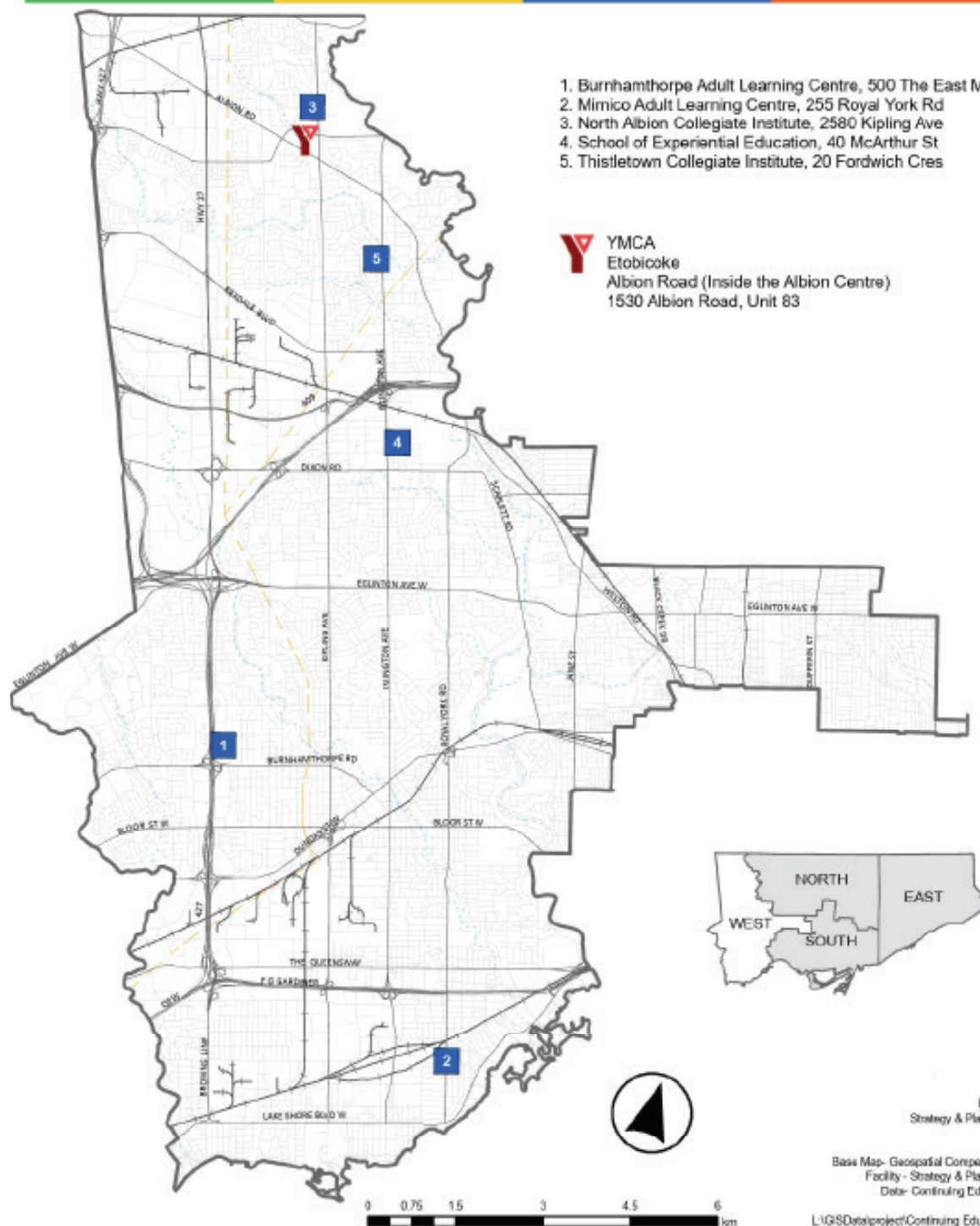


MAP	LEVELS	DAYS	TIME
1	Terraviva Learning Centre – 1641 Pharmacy Avenue, M1R 2L2 (Pharmacy & Hwy 401)		
	Reading/Writing CLB 1-2, 3, 4, 5-6	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 11:30am
	Listening/Speaking CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Mon to Fri	12:00pm - 2:30pm
2	West Hill Collegiate Institute – 350 Morningside Avenue, M1E 3G3 (Kingston Rd & Morningside)		
	Please use back entrance (#10) only		
	Reading/Writing CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Mon to Fri	9:15am - 11:45am
	Listening/Speaking CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Mon to Fri	12:15pm - 2:45pm
3	Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute – 2239 Lawrence Avenue East, M1P 2P7 (Lawrence & Kennedy)		
	Please use entrance 10 on the west side of the building		
	Reading/Writing CLB 1, 2, 3, 4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-8	Mon to Fri	9:15am - 11:45am
	Listening/Speaking CLB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-6, 7-8	Mon to Fri	12:15pm - 2:45pm
	CLB 1-2, 3, 3-4, 4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-8	Mon & Wed	7:00pm - 9:00pm



1. Burnhamthorpe Adult Learning Centre, 500 The East Mall
2. Mimico Adult Learning Centre, 255 Royal York Rd
3. North Albion Collegiate Institute, 2580 Kipling Ave
4. School of Experiential Education, 40 McArthur St
5. Thistletown Collegiate Institute, 20 Fordwich Cres

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Etobicoke
Albion Road (Inside the Albion Centre)
1530 Albion Road, Unit 83



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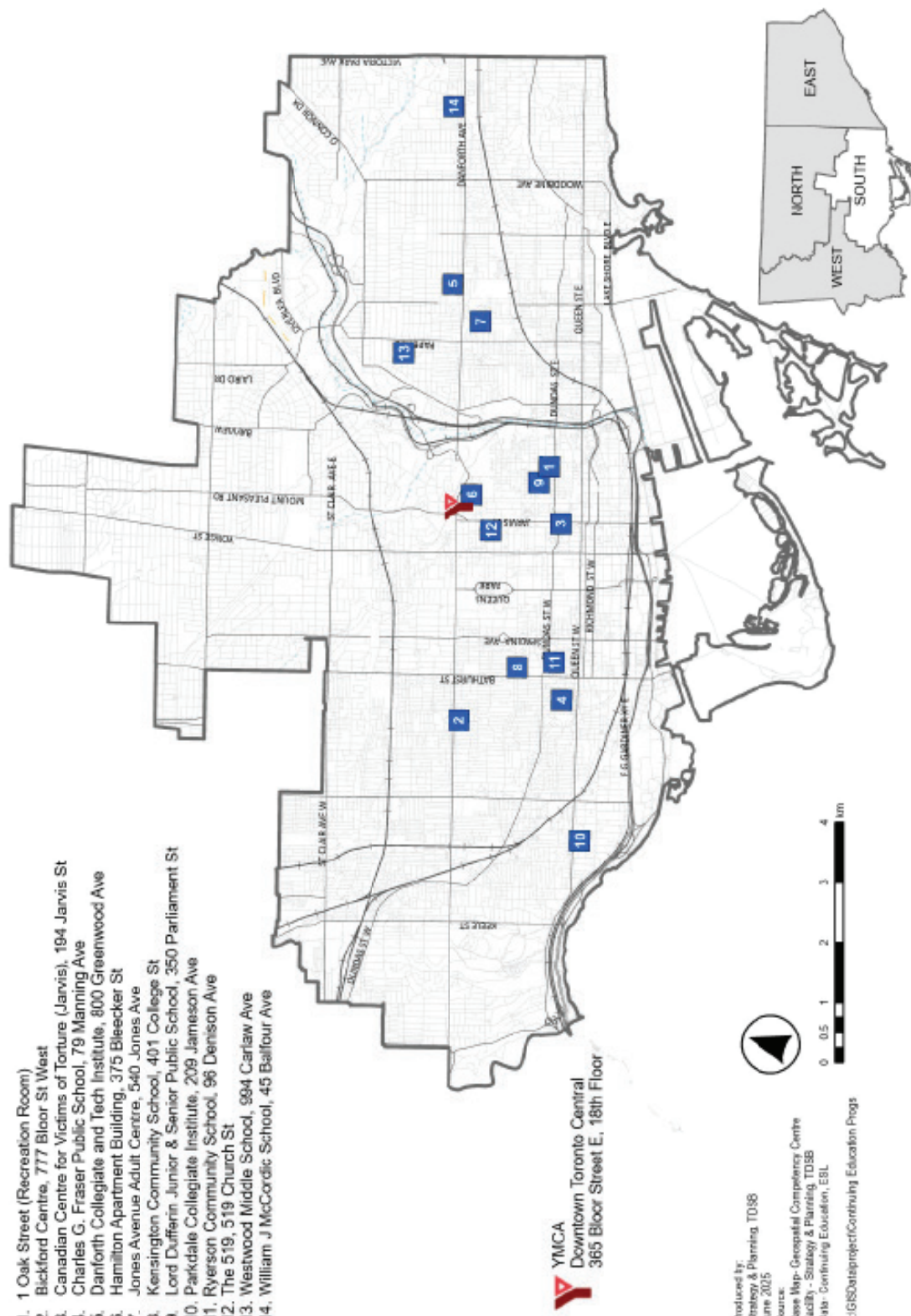
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1	Burnhamthorpe Adult Learning Centre – 500 The East Mall, M9B 2C4 (Burnhamthorpe & The East Mall)		
	Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, CLB 2, CLB 3, 4-5, 6-7	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 11:30am
	CLB 1-3, 4-6	Mon to Fri	12:00pm - 2:30pm
2	Mimico Adult Centre – 255 Royal York Road, M8V 2V8 (Lakeshore & Royal York Road)		
	CLB 1-2	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 11:30am
	CLB 3-4	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 2:30pm
	CLB 5-7	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 11:30am
	CLB 5-7	Mon to Fri	12:00pm - 2:30pm
	CLB 1-3, 4-5, 5-7	Mon & Wed	7:00pm - 9:00pm
3	North Albion Collegiate Institute – 2580 Kipling Avenue, M9V 3B2 (Finch & Kipling)		
	CLB 5-7	Mon to Thu	6:00pm - 8:00pm
4	School of Experiential Education – 40 McArthur Street, M9P 3M7 (Dixon & Islington)		
	CLB 1-3, 4-6	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 11:30am
	CLB 1-2, 3-5	Mon to Fri	12:00pm - 2:30pm
5	Thistletown Collegiate Institute – 20 Fordwich Crescent, M9W 2T4 (Islington & Albion Road)		
	CLB 3-4-5	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 1:30pm



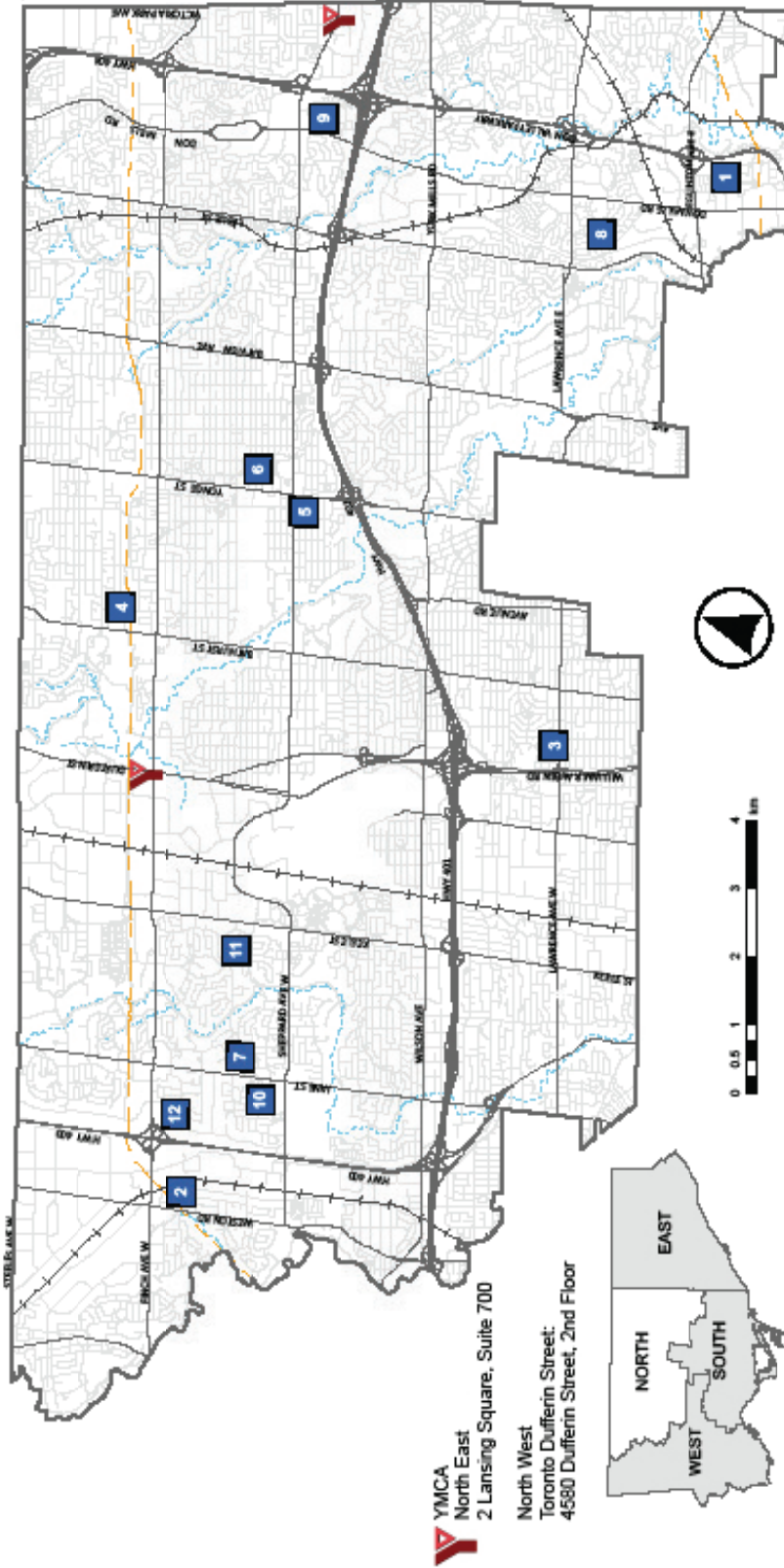
1. Oak Street (Recreation Room)
2. Bickford Centre, 777 Bloor St West
3. Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (Jarvis), 194 Jarvis St
4. Charles G. Fraser Public School, 79 Manning Ave
5. Danforth Collegiate and Tech Institute, 800 Greenwood Ave
6. Hamilton Apartment Building, 375 Bleecker St
7. Jones Avenue Adult Centre, 540 Jones Ave
8. Kensington Community School, 401 College St
9. Lord Dufferin Junior & Senior Public School, 350 Parliament St
10. Parkdale Collegiate Institute, 209 Jameson Ave
11. Ryerson Community School, 98 Denison Ave
12. The 519, 519 Church St
13. Westwood Middle School, 994 Carlaw Ave
14. William J McCordie School, 45 Balfour Ave



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1	1 Oak Street (Located in the Recreation Room), M5A 0A1 (Dundas and Parliament)		
	CLB 1-3	Mon to Thu	9:00am - 12:00pm
2	Bickford Centre – 777 Bloor Street West, M6G 1L6 (Bloor & Christie)		
	Literacy Foundation-Phase 3 CLB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8*	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 2:30pm
	* Multiple classes are available at each level.		
	Intensive/Academic CLB 6	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 2:30pm
	Academic Test Preparation CLB 8-9	Mon & Wed	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Listening & Speaking Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5,6-7	Mon & Wed	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	CLB 2, 3, 4-5, 5-6, 6-7	Tue & Thu	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Reading and Writing	Tue & Thu	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	Sat	9:00am - 2:30pm
	ESL Excel Computer Class CLB 5-6	Sat	9:00am - 12:30pm
	Pronunciation CLB 5/6/7	Sat	10:30am - 1:30pm
	ESL Microsoft Word Computer Class CLB 5-6	Sat	1:00pm - 4:00pm
3	Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture* (Jarvis) – 194 Jarvis Street, M5B 2B7 (Dundas & Jarvis)		
	CLB 5-7	Mon to Thu	12:30pm - 3:30pm
	* For survivors of torture, please call 416-363-1066 between 9am and 5pm to book an appointment.		
4	Charles G. Fraser Public School – 79 Manning Avenue, M6J 2K6 (Queen & Bathurst)		
	CLB 2-3	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 1:00pm
5	Danforth Collegiate and Tech Institute - 800 Greenwood Avenue M4J 4B7 (Greenwood & Danforth)		
	CLB 3-4	Mon & Wed	6:30pm - 8:30pm
	CLB 5-6	Mon & Wed	6:30pm - 8:30pm
6	Hamilton Apartment Building – 375 Bleecker Street, M4X 1M3 (Bloor & Sherbourne)		
	CLB 3-5	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 2:30pm
7	Jones Avenue Learning Centre – 540 Jones Avenue M4J 3G9 (Danforth & Jones)		
	Literacy Foundation- CLB 1	Mon to Fri	9:15am - 2:45pm
	CLB 2	Mon to Fri	9:15am - 2:45pm
	CLB 3	Mon to Fri	9:15am - 2:45pm
	CLB 4-5	Mon to Fri	9:15am - 2:45pm
	CLB 6-8	Mon to Fri	9:15am - 2:45pm
8	Kensington Community School – 401 College Street, M5T 1S9 (College & Bathurst)		
	CLB 3-5	Mon to Thu	9:00am-2:30am
9	Lord Dufferin Junior & Senior Public School – 350 Parliament Street, M5A 2Z7 (Gerrard & Parliament) Please use the Berkeley St. Entrance		
	Literacy Foundation-Phase 3-CLB 2	Mon to Fri	9:00am-2:30pm
	CLB 3-5	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 2:30pm
10	Parkdale Collegiate Institute - 209 Jameson Ave, M6K 2Y3 (Queen & Lansdowne)		
	CLB 1-3	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 2:30pm
11	Ryerson Community School - 96 Denison Ave, M5T 1E4 (Dundas & Bathurst)		
	Literacy - CLB 1	Mon to Thurs	8:45 am - 11:15am

12	The 519 - 519 Church Street, M4Y 2C9 (Wellesley & Church),		
	CLB 4-6 for LGBTQ+ Newcomers & Allies	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 12:00pm
13	Westwood Middle School – 994 Carlaw Avenue, M4K 3M6 (Pape & Cosburn)		
	CLB 2-4	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 12:00pm
14	William J McCordic School - 45 Balfour Avenue, M4C 1T4 (Main & Danforth)		
	<i>Please use Entrance #2</i>		
	CLB 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 2:30pm
	CLB 3-4	Mon & Wed	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	CLB 1-2, 3-4	Tues & Thurs	7:00pm - 9:00pm





YMCA
North East
2 Lansing Square, Suite 700
North West
Toronto Dufferin Street:
4580 Dufferin Street, 2nd Floor

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1. Dennis Timbrell Recreation Centre, 29 St. Dennis Dr
2. Emory Collegiate Institute, 3385 Weston Rd
3. John Polanyi Learning Centre, 840 Lawrence Ave West
4. Kerton ESL (LINC), 34 Kerton Drive
5. Lansing United Church, 49 Bogert Ave
6. North Central Adult ESL Learning Centre, 5075 Yonge St, 10th Floor
7. Oakdale Park Middle School, 315 Grandravine Dr
8. Overland Learning Centre, 55 Overland Dr
9. Parkway Forest Community Centre, 55 Forest Manor Rd
10. Stanley Public School, 75 Stanley Rd
11. Stilecroft Public School, 50 Stilecroft Dr
12. Westview Centennial Secondary School, 755 Oakdale Rd

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1	Dennis Timbrell Recreation Centre – 29 St. Dennis Drive, M3C 3J3 (Eglinton & Don Mills)		
	Literacy Foundation - CLB 1	Mon to Thu	12:00pm - 2:30pm
	CLB 2-3	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 11:30am
2	Emery Collegiate Institute – 3395 Weston Road, M9M 2V9 (Finch & Weston Road)		
	CLB 1-3	Mon to Thu	9:00am - 2:30pm
	CLB 4-6	Mon to Thu	9:00am - 11:30am
	CLB 4-6	Mon to Thu	12:00pm - 2:30pm
	CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Tue & Thu	6:45pm - 8:45pm
3	John Polanyi Adult Learning Centre – 640 Lawrence Avenue West, M6A 1B1 (Lawrence & Allen Expressway)		
	Reading & Writing, Literacy CLB 1, 1-2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8	Mon to Fri	8:30am - 11:00am
	Listening & Speaking, Literacy , CLB 1,1-2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8	Mon to Fri	11:30am - 2:00pm
	Reading & Writing, CLB 2, 3, 3-4, 5-6,	Mon & Wed	7:00pm - 9:30pm
	Listening & Speaking, Literacy-CLB 1,1-2,2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-8	Tue & Thu	7:00pm - 9:30pm
	CLB 1-2, 1-3, 4-5, 5-6, 6,8-9	Sat	9:00am - 1:00pm
4	Kenton ESL - 34 Kenton Dr, North York, ON M2R 2H9 - Please use Exit 6		
	CLB 5-6	Mon & Wed	9:30am - 12:00pm
	CLB 5-6	Mon, Wed & Fri	9:00am - 12:00pm
	CLB 3-4	Tue & Thu	9:00am - 12:00pm
	CLB 6-7	Mon to Thu	9:00am - 11:30am
	Literacy Foundation-CLB 1-2, 3,4, 5-6	Mon & Wed	7:00pm - 9:30pm
	Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, CLB 2-3	Tue & Thu	7:00pm - 9:00pm
5	Lansing United Church - 49 Bogert Avenue, M2N 1K4 (Yonge & Sheppard)		
	CLB 5	Mon to Thu	9:30am - 12:00pm
	CLB 3	Tue & Thu	9:30am - 12:00pm
	CLB 6-7	Tue & Thu	9:30am - 12:00pm
6	North Central Adult ESL Learning Centre – 5075 Yonge Street, 10th Floor, M2N 6C6 (Yonge & Sheppard)		
	Literacy Foundation CLB 1	Mon to Fri	8:30am - 11:00am
	Literacy Foundation CLB 1	Mon to Fri	11:30am - 2:00pm
	CLB 2, 3, 4, 5, 6/7	Mon to Fri	8:30am - 2:00pm
	CLB 1-2	Mon & Wed	2:30pm - 4:30pm
	CLB 4	Tues & Thurs	2:30pm - 4:30pm
	CLB 2-3	Tues & Thurs	12:30pm - 3:00pm
	CLB 8	Mon to Fri	8:30am - 11:00am
7	Oakdale Park Middle School – 315 Grandravine Drive, M3N 1J5 (Jane & Sheppard)		
	CLB 1-2, 3-4	Mon to Thu	7:00pm - 9:00pm
8	Overland Learning Centre – 55 Overland Drive, M3C 2C3 (Lawrence & Don Mills)		
	Reading/Writing CLB 1-2, 3-4	Tues & Thurs	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Listening/Speaking CLB 1-2, 3-4	Mon & Wed	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Reading/Writing Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5-6	Mon to Fri	8:30am - 11:00am

	Listening/Speaking, CLB 2, 4, 7-8	Mon to Fri	11:30am - 2:00pm
	Listening & Speaking, Literacy Foundation-CLB 1, 3, 5-6	Mon to Thu	11:30am - 2:00pm
	Pronunciation CLB 3-8	Tue	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	IELTS CLB 6-8	Monday	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Reading/Writing/Grammar CLB 5-7	Sat	8:30am - 10:30am
	Conversation CLB 5-6	Sat	10:30am - 12:30pm
9	Parkway Forest Community Centre – 55 Forest Manor Road, M2J 0C2 (Sheppard & Don Mills)		
	CLB 3-4	Mon & Wed	9:00am - 11:30am
	CLB 5-7	Mon & Wed	12:00pm - 2:00pm
10	Stanley Public School – 75 Stanley Road, M3N 1C2 (Jane & Sheppard)		
	<i>Please use Entrance #4 and proceed around the school to the back schoolyard only.</i>		
	CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 11:30am
	CLB 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Mon to Fri	12:00pm - 2:30pm
11	Stilecroft Public School – 50 Stilecroft Drive, M3J 1A7 (Keele & Sheppard)		
	CLB 1-4	Mon to Fri	9:00am - 11:30am
	CLB 1-4	Mon to Fri	12:30pm - 3:00pm
12	Westview Centennial Secondary School – 755 Oakdale Road, M3N 1W7 (Jane & Finch)		
	CLB 3-4	Mon to Fri	9:30am - 12:30pm
	CLB 3-4	Mon to Fri	1:00pm - 3:00pm

