

YCDSB
INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION
PROGRAM

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

York Region, Ontario CANADA

YCDSB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dear Prospective Partner,

Greetings from York Catholic District School Board!

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome and invite you to consider partnering with our school board in supporting international students on their educational journey. At YCDSB, we believe in the power of partnership to transform lives, and we value the role that trusted education agents play in helping students and families make informed and confident choices.

As a Catholic school board rooted in faith and academic excellence, we are proud to offer a safe, inclusive, and caring learning environment where every student is supported to grow intellectually, spiritually, and personally. Our schools are known for their high academic standards, exceptional student support services, and commitment to values that reflect compassion, integrity, and respect for all.

Our team is committed to providing excellent customer service to both our partners and our students. From the initial inquiry through to graduation, we strive to respond with clarity, care, and professionalism. You can expect timely communication, clear guidance, and a collaborative approach every step of the way.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you and build a strong, mutually beneficial relationship that supports student success. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or wish to learn more about our programs, admissions process, or community.

We look forward to working together in service of students and their dreams of a global education.

Warm regards,



Cynthia Anniballi
YCDSB, Principal of International Education



WHERE ARE WE LOCATED?

Serving one of the fastest growing areas in North America, the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) operates in the Regional Municipality of York, located in the Greater Toronto Area.

With 86 Elementary and 17 Secondary schools across the Region's 9 municipalities (Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Whitchurch-Stouffville, and King Township), the YCDSB works to support and inspire our approximately 50,000 students and their families through an innovative curriculum, and school culture informed by Catholic values.

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Your Gateway to Success!



QUICK FACTS ABOUT US

THE YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

One of the top-performing school boards in provincial EQAO and OSSLT testing. Ontario scored significantly higher compared to other countries around the world and within Canada.

ONTARIO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

YCDSB has consistently ranked as the top English speaking board in the province in terms of high school graduation rates. YCDSB holds a graduation rate of over 95% year after year.

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For program information visit:
www.ycdsb.ca

WHERE ARE WE LOCATED?
YORK REGION, ONTARIO CANADA
MARKHAM, NEWMARKET, AURORA, RICHMOND HILL, KING, VAUGHAN, GEORGINA, EAST GWILLIMBURY, AND WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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PROGRAM OFFERINGS:

FULL YEAR / SEMESTER CREDIT EARNING ● GAP YEAR CUSTOMIZED SHORT STAY ● REGIONAL ARTS ● STEM PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM (IB) ● ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (AP)

CONTACT US TODAY!
internationaleducation@ycdsb.ca | tel . 905-713-1211 ext. 13634

ONE OF THE **TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL BOARDS** IN PROVINCIAL **EQAO** AND **OSSLT** TESTING.

ONTARIO SCORED SIGNIFICANTLY **HIGHER** COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD*:

- **READING ASSESSMENT**, ONTARIO RANKED 6TH WORLDWIDE PISA READING SCORE LINK
- **GLOBAL COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT**, ONTARIO RANKED 3RD WORLDWIDE PISA GC SCORE LINK
- **FINANCIAL LITERACY ASSESSMENT**, ONTARIO RANKED 2ND WORLDWIDE PISA FL SCORE LINK

*BASED ON 2018 PISA SCORES

THE **FRASER INSTITUTE** HAS FIVE YCDSB CHS RANKED AMONG THE **TOP SCHOOLS** PROVINCE-WIDE:

- ST THERESA OF LISIEUX CHS
- ST AUGUSTINE CHS
- ST ROBERT CHS
- FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY CHS
- ST. ELIZABETH CHS

ONTARIO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

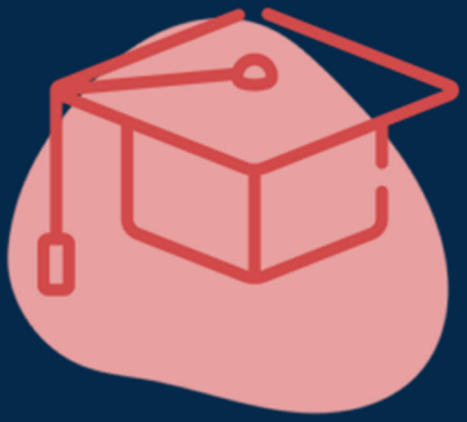
YCDSB HAS CONSISTENTLY RANKED AS THE **TOP ENGLISH SPEAKING BOARD** IN THE PROVINCE IN TERMS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES. **YCDSB GRADUATION RATE IS CURRENTLY 96%**

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION LINK









CURRENT PROGRAMS

FULL YEAR / SEMESTER CREDIT EARNING (OSSD)

This program is for both Elementary students (Kindergarten – Grade 8) and Secondary School students (Grades 9-12) who wish to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). We use Vital English to determine a preliminary level of English fluency and Vital Math to inform our course selections. We offer ESL classes (levels A-E), as well as ESL adapted courses.

GAP YEAR CERTIFICATE

This program is intended for students who have completed their secondary school studies in their own country, and are looking to study abroad for one year, prior to attending post-secondary. Their post-secondary choice can be in Canada, the USA or in their own country. Studying abroad affords students the opportunity to acclimate to a new culture/country, and experience living in a different country. In addition, these gap year certificates allow students to further develop their English language fluency as well as other academic skills required for success in their post-secondary program of choice. The certificate they will pursue will align with their post-secondary goals. To that end, we offer 3 distinct certificates, ESL/STEM Certificate, ESL/Business Certificate, and the ESL/Humanities Certificate. The students would work towards acquiring a minimum of 6 credits in the courses for each certificate.

CUSTOMIZED MINI & SHORT TERM STAYS

The Mini & Short Term Stay programs offer an individualized program designed to meet the needs of each student. Students will be accepted for a minimum 1 week stay to a maximum of 6 weeks. Please contact the International Education Program at internationaleducation@ycdsb.ca prior to applying for more information and to discuss the development of a customized mini or short term stay specific to your student. Be advised that students are expected to comply with all school rules and regulations, including wearing the school uniform or dress code for the duration of their stay.



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FULL YEAR & SEMESTER CREDIT EARNING

- Elementary Program
  Kindergarten - Grade 8
- Secondary School Program
  Grades 9 - 12
  *Earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma - 4 year program

CUSTOMIZED MINI & SHORT TERM STAYS

1 to 6 week program



GAP YEAR

Earn a Certificate in ONE of the following Programs:

- English/ESL STEM
- English/ESL Business
- English/ESL Humanities





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EXPAND YOUR EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY

- 1 YEAR study abroad prior to attending post secondary
- CHOOSE 1 of the 3 GAP Year Certificates programs
- DEVELOP your English and academic skills for post secondary
- COMPLETE a minimum of 6 credits in the courses for each certificate
- CHOOSE your homestay provider – CHN or MLI
- BOOK your flight and experience all we have to offer!

APPLY TODAY!

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Your Gateway to Success!

Connect with Us

Get in Touch

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SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

- English as a second language (ESL)/English Literacy Development (ELD)
- Continuing Education (additional fees required)
- Co-operative Education (Co-Op)
- Dual Credit Program
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme (students must qualify)
- Advanced Placement (AP) Secondary Program (students must qualify)
- High Performer Athlete Program
- Regional Arts Program (additional application required)
- Integrated Arts Program
- Specialist High Skills Major Program:
    - Arts and Culture
    - Business
    - Health and Wellness
    - Information and Communications Technology
    - Manufacturing
    - Non-Profit

Our schools also offer specialty programs within a faith-based learning environment. Please note that programs such as IB and AP require a separate application process; for more information on these programs kindly contact internationaleducation@ycdsb.ca.

At York Catholic, we hold high expectations for students. We offer a wide range of athletics, co-curricular activities and opportunities to volunteer in the school and community. Students can participate in numerous extracurricular activities such as Student Government, DECA, Model United Nations, HOSA, Athletics, Band, Mathletes to name but a few. These are school specific and vary from year to year.

ESL SUPPORT

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

ESL (English as a Second Language) support for our elementary students is provided through a range of programs designed to help English language learners develop their language skills while participating fully in the curriculum. The YCDSB implements ESL and English Literacy Development (ELD) programs based on students' individual language needs and educational backgrounds. Support may be delivered in various ways, including direct instruction by ESL teachers, small group pull-out sessions, or in-class support alongside peers. Ongoing assessment helps determine the appropriate level of support, and programming is adjusted as students progress. These services ensure that young learners can build confidence, improve communication skills, and achieve academic success while adapting to a new language and culture.

SECONDARY STUDENTS

Students will complete an online English assessment immediately after submitting their initial application to our program. The results of this assessment will determine the ESL level in which each student will be placed.

- ESL students typically begin in specialized ESL or ELD courses.
- Up to 3 ESL/ELD credits can count toward the 4 required English credits.
- Once language proficiency improves, students will transition into mainstream English courses.

Note:

- Credits from previous schooling (outside Ontario) may be assessed for equivalency. Ask the Guidance Counsellor to provide a list of any equivalencies the student has been granted.
- Senior students typically have to attend an Ontario secondary school for at least 1.5 - 2 years in order to graduate with the OSSD.

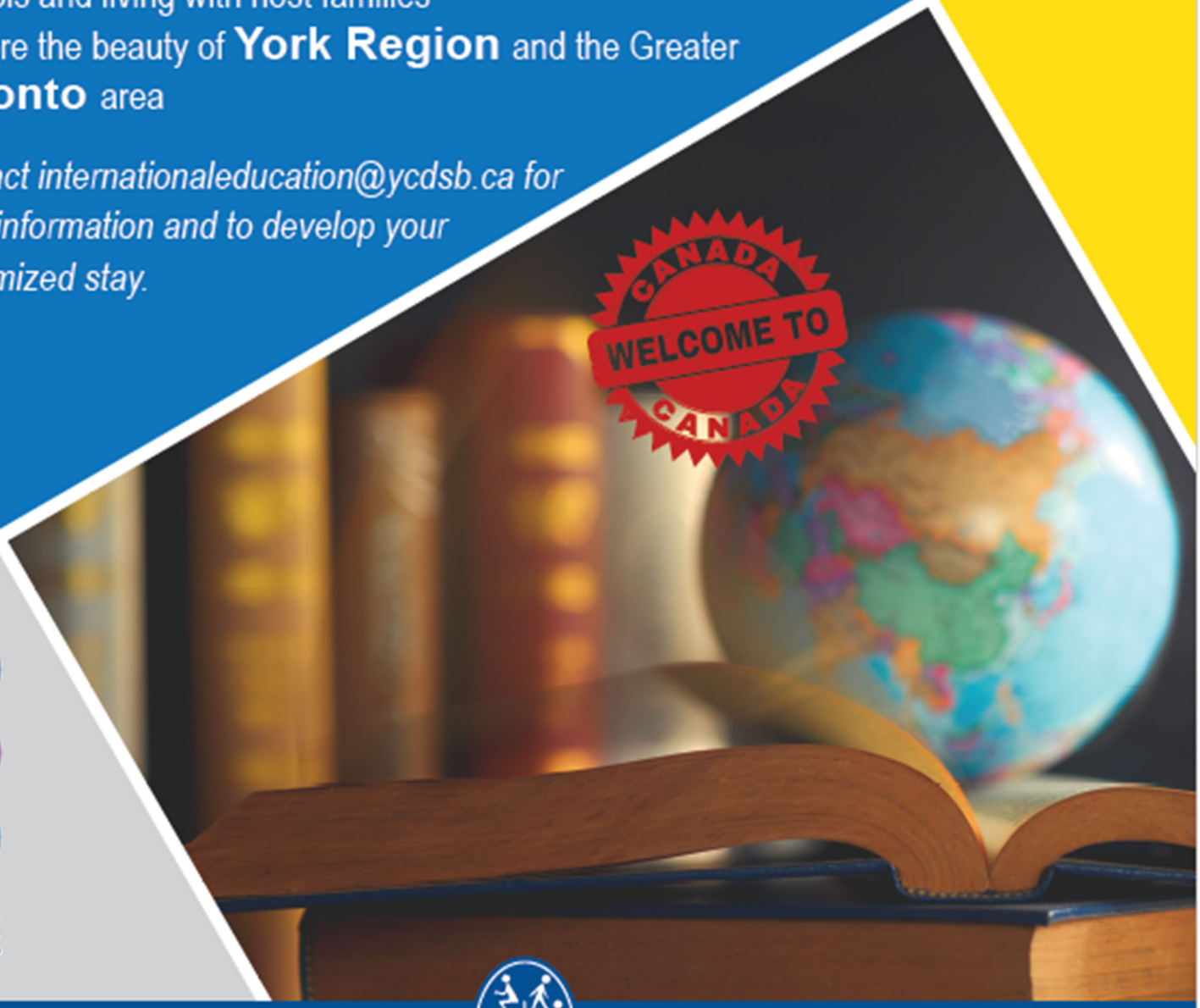


CUSTOMIZED
MINI STAY & SHORT-TERM STAYS

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- **Individualized** programs designed to meet the needs of each student
- Minimum requirement is a **1 week stay** to a maximum of **6 weeks**
- Experience **Canadian culture** while studying in our schools and living with host families
- Explore the beauty of **York Region** and the Greater **Toronto** area

Contact internationaleducation@ycdsb.ca for more information and to develop your customized stay.



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DO YOU NEED TO BE CATHOLIC TO ATTEND OUR SCHOOLS?

No, you do not need to be Catholic to attend our schools as an International, fee-paying student.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:

A Non-Catholic Agreement must be submitted for students who are not of Roman Catholic faith. Should an elementary-aged international student's legal status change, the student must receive the sacrament of baptism in a Roman Catholic church prior to commencing school on a non fee-paying basis.

SECONDARY STUDENTS*:

Students do not need to be Catholic to register in a YCDSB secondary school. Students will be studying World Religion (gr. 11), Church and Culture, or Philosophy (gr.12) in the senior grades. Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

The study of World Religions cultivates an understanding of the roles of religion in contemporary society. World Religions courses encourage students to explore the ways in which religions and belief traditions meet various human needs and to examine the significance and function of sacred places, rites, writings, and teachings in diverse world religions and belief traditions.

Philosophy courses focus on theories and research from each field with the goal of developing students' understanding of people as individuals and groups, and of social institutions. Students will explore human behaviour, social groups, institutions, and various societies to examine the causes of and responses to challenges such as technological change and global inequalities.

****INTERNATIONAL SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE ONE (1) RELIGION COURSE EACH YEAR - NO EXEMPTIONS***



FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy has provided over 30 years of academic excellence to students in Markham, one of Ontario's fastest growing cities. Our school offers many opportunities that help students thrive and succeed.

- IB Programme (students who do not require ESL support may submit an application to the programme).
- Specialist High Skills Major Programs in Arts and Culture, Health and Wellness, and Non-Profit.
- We offer a wide variety of clubs, where students can thrive, collaborate and integrate. Our clubs include: Student Government, Student Leaders At McGivney, Music Council, Band, DECA, Empowered Student Partnerships, McGivney Mathletes, Model UN Debate and more.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic Academy is a Catholic school community committed to academic excellence. Our students receive our endless support in their pursuit of spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth through diverse and enriched learning experiences.

- Our Advanced Placement Program allows students to obtain advanced status in university.
- Specialist High Skills Major Programs in Arts & Culture, and Health & Wellness.
- Students can always find their passion through opportunities that enable them to excel, integrate and thrive, including sports teams, student council, leadership councils, volunteer, school events and much more.

SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

At Sacred Heart Catholic High School, we provide excellent educational curriculum and endless educational opportunities to help all students succeed. Our recipe for success includes student wellbeing and creating a sense of belonging.

- Regional Arts Program (additional application required)
- Our Advanced Placement Program allows students to obtain advanced status in university.
- Specialists High Skills Major Programs in Arts, and Health and Wellness.
- Our student clubs include ESL Ambassadors' Club DECA, Concert Band, Student Mentorship, Anime Club, Global Ideas Institute, Athletics, Arts & Student Councils and more.

ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Catholic High School is guided by our commitment to valuing learning and excellence through collaboration and innovation that enables every student to succeed.

- Regional Arts Program (additional application required)
- Specialist High Skills Major Programs in Business, and Arts and Culture.
- We offer the SmartStart program that integrates technology in learning using a design thinking, project-based approach.
- We an array of clubs where students can explore their passion in a thriving and supportive environment. Our clubs include Nations United, biotechnology, arts, sports, extracurricular clubs promoting cultural integration through athletics, cultural cooking, field trips and more.

ST. JOAN OF ARC
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Our school has a solid reputation for academic excellence, offering a comprehensive list of courses to choose from.

- Our Advanced Placement Program allows students to obtain advanced status in university.
- Specialist High Skills Major Programs in Business, and Health & Wellness.
- Students can always find their passion through a variety of clubs and councils, volunteer, school events and much more.
- Our athletic teams, where students can pursue their passion in a supportive environment include Badminton, Basketball, Golf, Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis and more.

ST. ROBERT
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St. Robert Catholic High School - where knowledge is the beginning! Our school has a reputation in the community for academic excellence, school spirit, and commitment to the needs of others.

- IB Programme (students from a feeder school, who do not require ESL support, may apply to the programme).
- Specialist High Skills Major Programs in Health & Wellness, and Aerospace & Aviation.
- We have more than 10 student councils and over 50 clubs available to all students, including ESL Squad and Cultural Diversity Club. We have a beautiful garden, a dome-covered soccer field, 4 science labs, 2 computer & 2 business labs, 1 math lab, 2 music rehearsal halls.














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APPLICATION DEADLINES & DOCUMENTATION

SEMESTER 1 (SEPTEMBER - JANUARY)

Application Deadlines:
Portal Opens on January 15
Portal Closes on May 15

SEMESTER 2 (FEBRUARY - JUNE)

Application Deadlines:
Portal Opens on September 15
Portal Closes on November 15

RENEWING STUDENTS

You will be contacted by email and issued a renewal form by the Admissions Administrator.

STEP 1: Review our schools https://www.ycdsb.ca/schools/ and know your TOP 3

STEP 2: Review the International Education New Students Application Procedures

STEP 3: Complete & Submit an application for Homestay & Custodianship services, if applicable (NOTE: Students living with their parents, family members or family friends, do not require these services)

STEP 4: Submit an Online Application through our YCDSB True North portal

STEP 5: Complete & Submit full PAYMENT with the application (includes application fee, tuition & health coverage)

STEP 6: Receive the Letter of Acceptance and apply for a Study Permit



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HOMESTAY & CUSTODIANSHIP SERVICES

York Catholic District School Board has partnered with two established homestay & custodianship service providers with a long history of providing safe and welcoming accommodations and oversight services for International students across Canada. They have established a host family network within York Region in order to serve our board's international students as of January, 2021. New and renewing students may utilize the services of one of the two YCDSB-approved providers:

CHN (Canada Homestay Network)

In partnership with the York Catholic District School Board, CHN provides international students with warm and welcoming homestays and related custodianship services so they feel well supported during their program of study in Canada. Please visit our YCDSB landing page at CHN Homestay.

MLI (Muskoka Language International)

Homestay is an integral part of the student traveler's experience. At MLI Homestay we understand that a caring homestay is the cornerstone of ensuring a positive student experience in the York Catholic District School Board. We are there to support the students and the families. Please visit our YCDSB landing page at MLI Homestay.

HOMESTAY EXEMPTIONS

Exceptions to the homestay and custodianship requirement are for students residing with a parent, family member or family friend (family members or family friends must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident).

- Grandparent
- Aunt (sister of student's mother/father)
- Uncle (brother of student's mother/father)
- Sibling (of student) - over the age of 19
- Cousin - over the age of 19
- Other Family Member - over the age of 19
- Family Friend - over the age of 19

PAYMENT PROCESS

PAYMENT OF FEES

- Application, Tuition & Insurance -

All fees must be in Canadian dollars and paid in full with the application.

FROM OUTSIDE OF CANADA

York Catholic District School Board has partnered with Flywire to provide our international students with a secure payment gateway that simplifies the payment process. With Flywire, you can pay online from banks and countries around the world, usually in your home currency. Start the payment process at **https://ycdsb.flywire.com**.

FROM WITHIN CANADA

- Flywire
- Bank draft
- Certified cheque
- Money order payable to 'York Catholic District School Board':
  - ◊ Total fees may be paid on one (1) Bank Draft or Certified Cheque.
  - ◊ The student's full name and date of birth must be printed on the front of the cheque.

Payment may be mailed, couriered or dropped into the Admissions mail slot.

Catholic Education Centre
marked *'Admissions – International Program'*
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, ON L4G 0M1

Direct deposit is not an accepted payment method

REFUND POLICY



THE APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

- There will be **no refund** of tuition fee after a Letter of Acceptance has been issued, if the student withdraws for any reason.
- There will be **no refund** of tuition fee if the student is found in violation of school regulations and asked to withdraw from the school.
- There will be **no refund** of tuition fee if the student changes immigration status during the school year. For instance, students who become permanent residents or landed immigrants of Canada after tuition fee is paid will not be eligible for a refund.
- Transfer of tuition fees from a student applicant to a sibling or other applicant is not permitted.
- If a Study Permit is denied, the original letter of rejection from Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada and the original Letter of Acceptance must be presented to the Admissions Office. The impacted student's parents may request either a deferral of the application & fees to a subsequent term/semester (with an intention to re-apply for a Study Permit at a later date) or a refund. Requests for deferral are subject to approval by school Administration. If a refund is requested, the tuition fee will be refunded less a $500.00 administration fee. The initial application fee and wire transfer fee are non-refundable. Monies eligible for reimbursement are returned to a parent of the student applicant.
- Processing time for refunds is approximately 6-8 weeks from the time of receipt of complete documentation.

What do you need to graduate from a YCDSB Secondary School

30 CREDITS

Students are expected to take Religious Studies:

4 credits in Religious Studies

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to earn the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4 credits in English (one per grade) [1, 2]
3 credits in Mathematics (Gr. 9, Gr. 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2 credits in Science
1 credit in Canadian History
1 credit in Canadian Geography
1 credit in the Arts [2]
1 credit in Health and Physical Education
1 credit in French as a Second Language
0.5 credit in Career Studies
0.5 credit in Civics and Citizenship
1 credit in a Grade 9 OR 10 Technology course

Plus one credit from the following STEM group:

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- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education
- Mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory credits)
- Science (in addition to the 2 compulsory credits)
- Technological Education (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit)

In addition to the compulsory credits, students must complete:

9 Optional credits [2]
+ 40 hours of community service
+ Provincial literacy requirement
+ Financial literacy requirement
+ 2 Online learning courses [3]

1.A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.

2. The following apply to compulsory/optional credit selections.

- Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices course may be used to meet the Grade 11 English compulsory credit requirement.
- Grade 9 Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures course can be used to meet the compulsory credit requirement in the arts.
- Optional courses may include up to 4 dual credit courses

3. May opt-out of this requirement.

Pathways
YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
FUTURE READY

KEY INFORMATION

For all inquiries, including application or registration issues,
email the International Education Program
internationaleducation@ycdsb.ca

Student timetable or course selection:
Visit the school Guidance Department
Schools - York Catholic District School Board (ycdsb.ca)

Homestay general inquiries:
Contact Canada Homestay Network or Muskoka Language International

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE REGISTERED AND ATTENDING SCHOOL WITHIN THE FOLLOWING TIMEFRAME:

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

By the end of the month from the start of the enrolment period
September start = by September 30th
February start = by February 28th

SECONDARY STUDENTS

Within 2 weeks from the start of the enrolment period

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION WEEK (Secondary Only) & 'WELCOME TO CANADA' ORIENTATION DAY

All international **secondary students** have an opportunity to attend a free 1-2 day orientation camp hosted at various secondary schools the last week of August, transportation may be included. Students must arrive prior to the start of the program and be registered for this event through the Catholic Community Services of York Region.
Space is limited

All **elementary families** can attend a free "Welcome to Canada' workshop hosted in October. Families will learn about school protocols, parent-teacher interviews & parenting in Canada. Families can register for this event through the Catholic Community Services of York Region.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Once the application process is complete and the letter of acceptance has been issued, families will receive a “WELCOME LETTER” with registration information.

THE REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT IS HELD AT THE MAIN SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED ONCE IN CANADA AND PRIOR TO STARTING SCHOOL.

WELCOME TO THE YCDSB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM!

Congratulations on your admission to York Catholic District School Board! We are excited to welcome you to our diverse and inclusive community. Your journey with us will be filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable experiences. We look forward to supporting you as you prepare to embark on this exciting chapter in Canada.

Now that you have received your offer of admission, please book your **REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT** as soon as possible.

All registration appointments will be held at the **Main Board Office**, located at 320 Bloomington Rd. West, Aurora ON , and will take place between Monday August 18th and Wednesday September 3rd. Book early to secure your preferred time slot!

REGISTRATION BOOKING APPLICATION:

https://koalendar.com/YCDSB IE

You must complete a registration appointment to verify all required documents in order to be accepted into school on your first day of attendance. Failure to schedule a registration appointment at the Main Board Office will make you ineligible to begin classes at your school.

If you have any questions or concerns, or need further assistance, please reach out to the International Education Department at internationaleducation@ycdsb.ca.

GENERAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

A general guide to school start & end dates and school holiday closures

EVENT	TIME OF MONTH
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	1st Monday in September
SCHOOL START - SEMESTER 1	Tuesday after Labour Day Holiday
OCTOBER - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	3rd Monday
CHRISTMAS BREAK (2 WEEKS CLOSURE)	Through Christmas & New Years
SECONDARY EXAMS - SEMESTER 1	Mid/End of January
SCHOOL START - SEMESTER/TERM 2	1st week of February
FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY	3rd Monday of February
MARCH BREAK (1 WEEK CLOSURE)	Mid-March
EASTER HOLIDAY (GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY)	End of March OR Early April
VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY	Mid-May
SECONDARY EXAMS - SEMESTER 2	Mid/End June
SUMMER CLOSURE (2 MONTHS)	July & August
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS (PA DAY)	Varies throughout the school year (5-7 days) for Teacher Professional Development. Schools will be closed to all students.

WHAT IS A PA DAY?

Throughout the school year, teaching staff have Professional Development days where the school is closed to all students. These days are spread throughout the 10 months and generally fall on a Friday or Monday.

WHAT IS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY?

Statutory holidays are celebrated nationwide and are paid days off for school employees. All Government offices and many stores will also be closed.

INSURANCE & MENTAL HEALTH

studyinsured™

Peace-of-mind while you study in Canada

International students have enough on their minds without having to worry about the cost of staying healthy. Study Insured offers comprehensive student plans to cover the cost of health care while studying abroad.

York Catholic also recognizes that for some students, studying abroad and acclimating to a new country can be overwhelming. As a result, we have included additional mental health supports within our policy to ensure the health and well being of our students is to a higher standard.

For additional policy information or to purchase extended coverage outside of the school enrolment period, please visit https://www.studyinsured.com//ycdsb.

Length of Coverage:

- Full year - September 1 to August 31 or February 1 to January 31
- One Semester - September 1 to January 31 or February 1 to June 30



CONTACT US

NEED ASSISTANCE?

At York Catholic, we take pride in our "one-stop shop" philosophy!

What does this mean? Whether it's an agent, a family, or a student with a question or concern—whether it's related to homestay or school—our International Education Department is the first point of contact.

From there, we triage the situation and coordinate directly with all relevant parties to ensure a smooth and timely resolution.

General Mailbox

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International Education Principal

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