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# WELCOME TO UPPER CANADA



Hello and thank you for considering the Upper Canada District School Board (Upper Canada DSB). We are proud to serve communities across eastern Ontario, Canada through our 21 high schools and 63 elementary schools.

Our region is an excellent choice to experience a Canadian education. Canada is the world's most diverse nation and has a well-deserved reputation as a warm and welcoming place to study. Our educational system prepares students for their future ambitions and ensures they are competent with English as a second language.

Living and studying outside your home country is one of the most significant experiences in a young life. Students make new friends, enjoy great teachers, take part in organized trips and sports and live with an English-speaking Canadian family. Our schools are situated in a historically and culturally rich area, one of the most beautiful in the world. Recreational

opportunities abound, from organized sports to skiing, live theatre, musical performances and more. There is always something interesting to do or see nearby!

We have had hundreds of students arrive to study, who, when they do leave have not only gained a world class education, but an entire new family of Canadian friends. You can hear from some by visiting our website and listening to students describe their experiences in their own words.

Please explore these pages and visit the online videos to begin to experience the Upper Canada DSB. If there is something specific that you are looking for, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I can be reached directly if you have any questions or would like more information.

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# EXPERIENCE THE BEST

# CANADA HAS TO OFFER

## About the Upper Canada DSB

The Upper Canada District School Board (Upper Canada DSB) offers international students the opportunity to study at 21 Canadian high schools, each of which have world class educational facilities including advanced technology, science labs, applied arts, performing arts and sporting opportunities.

10 of our high schools are dedicated International Hub schools that offer specialized language support for English language learners. Our schools are welcoming and supportive; most secondary schools have 400–600 students. Classes have an average of 25 students. Our small class sizes and flexible programs provide students with the personal care and support they need to succeed. Many of our international students have gone on to top postsecondary schools such as the University of Toronto, McGill University, the University of British Columbia, Harvard University, Oxford University and many others.

## About Eastern Ontario

With a wide selection of urban and rural communities, climate to study is a hard choice for international students. The Upper Canada DSB is comprised of several cities and towns across 12,000 square kilometers in an area of Canada called Eastern Ontario. Eastern Ontario is the English speaking area with the deepest history and culture in all of Canada. All of our high schools are in varied and beautiful communities surrounded by lakes, rivers, canals, farms and forests. For international students coming to Canada a common question is the weather. The Upper Canada DSB allows

students to experience all four distinct seasons of Canada's natural beauty. We have traditional winters, warm springs, hot summers, and colourful autumns. Students that study at the Upper Canada DSB live in towns and cities that are safe and traditional Canadian communities and near to some of Canada's most famous locations, attractions, shopping and entertainment. We believe the Upper Canada DSB gives students an opportunity to experience the best that Canada has to offer.

### Geographic Data

#### Seasons



#### Average Temperature

+26.5°C (summer)  
-6.1°C (winter)

#### Average Precipitation

943.5 mm/25.3 in

#### Languages Spoken

English & French







# WHY LIVE & LEARN HERE

## 1 | Learn the Languages

The majority of students are Canadian-born English-speaking. French Immersion programs are offered at many of our schools.

## 2 | Full Integration

Full immersion into a kind and caring Canadian host family, where English is spoken at home.

## 3 | Student Success

Many of our students graduate and attend top North American Universities and Colleges.

## 4 | Modern Facilities

Modern classrooms are equipped with the latest technology, including iPads and Smart Boards.

## 5 | ESL Options

ESL instruction is available in-school and tutors for ESL and other subjects are available after school.

## 6 | Small Class Sizes

Our schools are relatively small. Most schools have between 400-600 students with an average class size of 25 students.

## 7 | Great Location

Students live and attend school near to the major cities of Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.

## 8 | Canadian Culture

Safe, friendly and clean environments; ideal for focusing on studies and immersing in Canadian culture.

## 9 | Support Services

Dedicated homestay coordinators are available 24/7.

## 10 | Diverse Programs

Flexible long and short-term programming match students with their academic goals.







## Organizations & Clubs

Each school has a variety of clubs available to every student. For a complete list of clubs available at each school visit [ucdsb.on.ca](http://ucdsb.on.ca)

# Student Life & Clubs

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Upper Canada DSB schools run on a 2 semester academic year. The school year begins in September and ends in June. The first semester runs from September to January and the second semester runs from February to June. Students interested in studying at the Upper Canada DSB have three different program options to choose from:

### Typical Daily Schedule for Students in Canada

	Start	End
Travel to school	7:00	7:30
Class A	8:00	9:00
Nutrition Break	9:00	9:15
Multi-Subject Instructional Period	9:15	10:15
Class B	10:20	11:20
Class C	12:10	1:10
Class D	1:15	2:15
School Ends / Bus Departure	2:15	2:25
After School Activities (Optional)	2:30	4:00
Family Meal	5:00	6:00
Homework	6:00	8:00
Free Time	8:00	9:30

### Ontario Secondary School Diploma Program (OSSD Program)

The OSSD Program gives students an opportunity to earn an Ontario high school diploma. Students are able to start their programs in either September or February. Completion time of the OSSD program depends on a student's English level prior to coming to Canada, what courses they need to complete and their post-secondary goals. Most students complete the program between 1-4 years. For more information about graduation requirements, please see page 56.

### Academic Year / Semester Program

The Academic Year / Semester Program allows students the opportunity to study at a Canadian high school for either one semester or a full school year. Students are able to start their programs in either September or February.

### Short-Term Cultural Program

Experience Canadian life and education through a short-term cultural program. Students are able to study at a Canadian public school for 1-3 months. Students are able to enroll in the short-term program at any time.

### Group Trips

Each year students are welcome to attend a variety of organized trips. Possible attractions include:

#### Toronto/Niagara Falls

- > CN Tower
- > Ripley's Aquarium
- > Toronto Raptors NBA Basketball Game
- > Royal Ontario Museum
- > University of Toronto
- > Niagara Falls boat tour

#### Ottawa

- > Peace Tower of Canada's Parliament
- > Byward Market
- > Museum of Science and Technology
- > Fun Haven - arcade, laser tag and bumper cars
- > Ottawa Senators NHL Hockey Game

#### Montreal

- > Biodome or Botanical Garden
- > Shopping on St.Catherine St.
- > St. Joseph's Oratory or Basilica Notre-Dame
- > Historical Old Montreal
- > Cirque du Soleil
- > La Ronde 6 Flags Theme Park

All trips include transportation, meals and accommodations (if required)

### Competitive Teams

Athletic teams available at each school.

	Badminton	Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Cheerleading	Curling	Football	Golf	Hockey	Rugby	Skating	Soccer	Tennis	Track & Field	Wrestling	Volleyball	Other
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Athens District High School	🏸	⚾	🏀					🏒			⚽		👟	🤼	🏐	Fishing
Brockville Collegiate Institute	🏸		🏀	👯		🏈	🏌️	🏒	🏉		⚽	🎾	👟		🏐	Rowing
Carleton Place High School	🏸	⚾	🏀		🏏		🏌️				⚽	🎾	👟		🏐	Fitness
Char-Lan District High School			🏀				🏌️	🏒			⚽		👟		🏐	Archery
Cornwall Collegiate & Vocational School	🏸	⚾	🏀			🏈		🏒			⚽	🎾	👟		🏐	Lacrosse
Gananoque Secondary School	🏸	⚾	🏀	👯	🏏	🏈	🏌️	🏒			⚽	🎾	👟		🏐	Quiz Team
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Smith Falls District High School	🏸		🏀			🏈	🏌️	🏒	🏉	🏂	⚽	🎾	👟	🤼	🏐	
South Grenville District High School	🏸	⚾	🏀		🏏						⚽		👟		🏐	Quiz Team
St. Lawrence Secondary School	🏸		🏀				🏌️				⚽	🎾	👟		🏐	Pole Vaulting
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Thousand Islands Secondary School	🏸		🏀					🏒	🏉		⚽		👟		🏐	
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# Homestay

## YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Being away from friends and family is often the hardest part of an international student's experience. Living in a home where you are comfortable is important for student success.

The Upper Canada DSB partners with The Canada Homestay Network to provide a seamless application, monitoring, and support systems for international students.

Homestay families in the Upper Canada DSB are screened prior to hosting. All host families are required to provide reference checks, criminal record checks, and have a full in person interview and home inspection before they are registered into our host family database.

Host families are chosen based on the information provided in the student application. We take great care in matching students with host families that closely match their preferences and interests. Before arriving to Canada, students will get a chance to know their Canadian host family.

After a student has arrived to Canada they will be introduced to their local Relationship Manager (RM). The RM is their homestay representative while in Canada. Students, parents, and agents are able to communicate any questions or concerns about a student's homestay experience with their local RM. RMs have scheduled visits to all of our schools where students are able to have a private conversation with the RM about any of their concerns with school or homestay.

When students join our homestay program they become a part of their family and a member of the local community. Through our homestay program students have the opportunity to live with a Canadian family that supports the values and visions that an Upper Canada DSB education stands for.

### All of our homestay families provide the following for students:

- Private bedroom & study area
- 3 good meals a day
- Quality internet access
- Friendly & caring support



**Angelique Dignard**  
From Canada

"Hosting an International Student has not only enriched my life but has had a positive impact on my whole extended family! This is an opportunity every youth should experience. Being able to create a safe and nurturing environment for students has made me feel like I am contributing to a better world"





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For a more information on schools and communities, please see the following pages.



I'm Interested In....

For a full list of all programs and activities available, please visit [studyuppercanada.ca](http://studyuppercanada.ca)

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|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Basketball<br>A6, F11, I13, L7, L14             | Cooking<br>G5, I2, L5, L7, M1, M14         | Drama<br>A6, E4, I2, I11, M6      | French<br>D13, F11, I15, L14, L15          | Math<br>A6, E4, F11, G5, H7, I13 | Outdoor Education<br>C5, E4, I2, I11, I13 | Soccer<br>C5, H7, I15, L14, L15   | Tennis<br>I15, L7, M1, M6, M14            |
| Computers/Technology<br>E4, G16, H7, K4, L9, M6 | Dance/Cheerleading<br>D13, I2, L5, L9, M14 | Fine Arts<br>G5, G16, L5, M1, M14 | Horseback Riding<br>D13, I11, I13, L9, L15 | Music<br>C5, H7, K4, L7, L14     | Skiing<br>A6, C5, D13, G16, K4            | Swimming<br>F11, G5, G16, I15, M6 | Track & Field<br>I11, K4, L5, L9, L15, M1 |





# Almonte

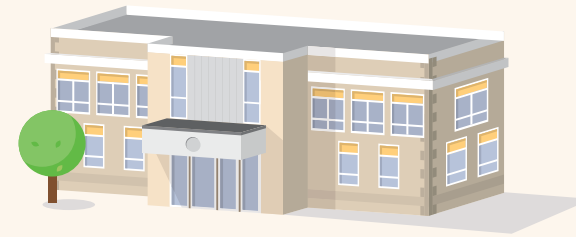
Almonte is a peaceful and attractive community located 25 minutes from the western suburbs of Ottawa. Almonte is a unique and lovely town still closely in touch with its Irish and Scottish roots. Beautiful historic 19<sup>th</sup> century Victorian homes and limestone buildings are found throughout the community. James

Naismith, the man who invented basketball, is from Almonte and there is a strong local community basketball association. Almonte is a perfect location to experience the peace and safety of small-town living within driving distance to some of Ottawa's best shopping and entertainment.



## Eight Great Things in Almonte

1. Mt. Pakenham Ski Hill
2. Almonte Academy of Dance
3. The Valley Players Theatre Group
4. Kayak or canoe on the Mississippi River
5. James Naismith Basketball Association
6. Almonte "CeltFest" Irish Culture Festival
7. North Lanark Highland Games
8. Tobogganing in Gemmill Park



## Almonte District High School

Almonte District High School is an outstanding high school with a tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, technology, and drama. There is strong support for academic achievement from the community of Almonte, with over 40 awards and bursaries available to ADHS graduates from local business, arts, sport and social associations. At ADHS, staff are devoted and passionate about providing educational experiences that prepare students for the world of work, apprenticeship, college and university.

Mascot: **Orangemen** School Population: **500**  
 Colours: **Orange** International Students: **5-10**

- Top Sports and Clubs:**
- 🏀 Basketball
  - 📊 Math
  - 🎭 Drama
  - 🎿 Skiing

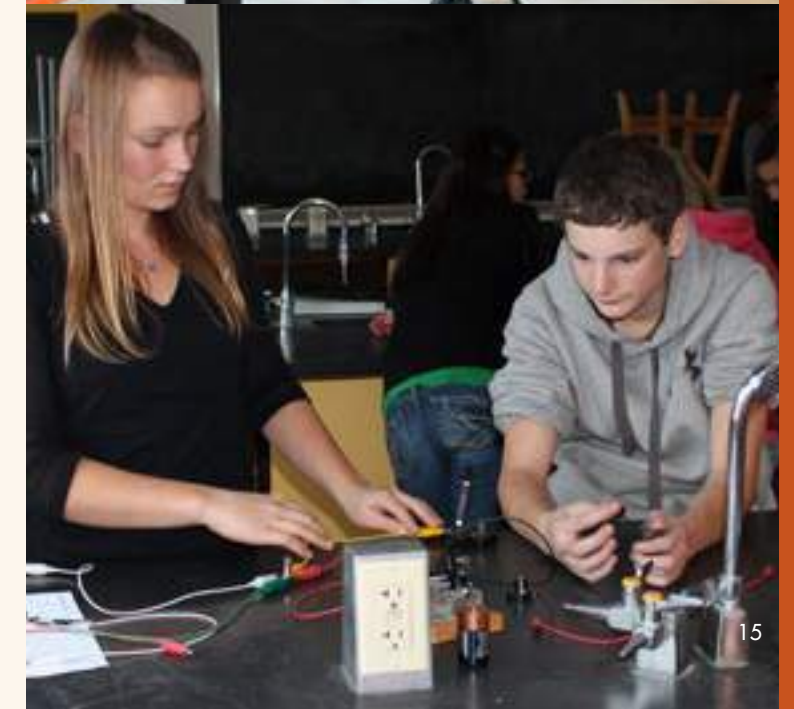
**Laura Baumann**  
From Switzerland

"I discovered a new family and friends that I learned to love as much as my own. I am so grateful for this experience."



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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Construction, Manufacturing, Sports**







# Athens

Named after the famous city in Greece, Athens is rural living at its best. Only a 15 minute drive from the City of Brockville, Athens enjoys many of the services offered in larger areas but in a rural setting. Athens is a community where your friends, school, and stores are all within walking distance and

everyone knows your name. Downtown Athens is well known for the beautiful murals that cover the stone walls of many of the historic buildings. The Athens community hosts several festivals throughout the year, including the Farmersville Steam Fair, Cornfest, and the Parade of Lights.



## Eight Great Things in Athens

1. Explore the murals in downtown Athens
2. Crooked Creek Golf Club
3. Athens Cornfest
4. Athens Parade of Lights
5. Farmersville Exhibition
6. Ice Skating at Centre of Lights 76 arena
7. Horseback Riding lessons
8. Joshua Bates Performing Arts Centre



## Athens District High School

Recognized for its unique Student Parliament system, Athens District High School is a small school with a caring and supportive atmosphere. Athens District High School has a strong Math program, a great Environmental Science program, a fantastic Art program, and a Computer Science program that has won multiple awards for webpage design.

Mascot: **Warriors** School Population: **200**  
 Colours: **Blue and Yellow** International Students: **5-10**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

- Computers/Technology
- Skiing
- Music
- Track & Field

### Aranzta Moran

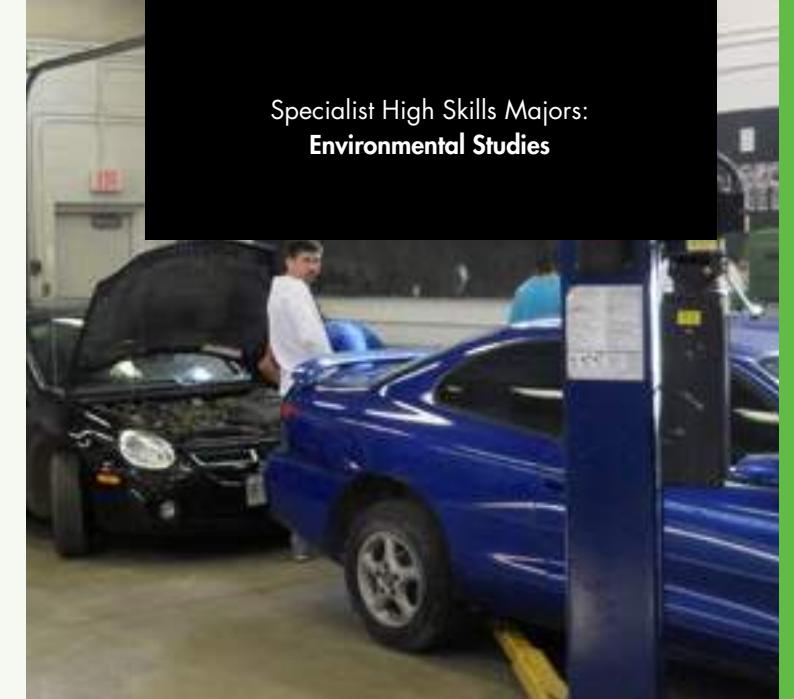
From Mexico

"I am so grateful for this once in a lifetime opportunity. I would definitely go back and do it all over again."



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# Brockville

Brockville is a medium sized city on the shores of the St. Lawrence River, part of the world's largest fresh-water seaway. The famous 1000 Islands begin here and offer spectacular natural beauty. Brockville owns 3 islands that can be visited for hiking, picnicking, swimming, etc. Brockville is midway between two

of Canada's largest cities, Toronto and Montreal, and only an hour from the nation's capital Ottawa. As one of the oldest cities in Ontario, Brockville has a great mix of historic old stone buildings with modern technology and services such as movie theatres, shopping malls, great restaurants and live entertainment.



## Eight Great Things in Brockville

1. Brockville Arts Centre
2. Brockville Gymnastics Academy
3. Brockville Rowing Club
4. VIA Rail train access to Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal
5. The Aquarium
6. 1000 Islands Mall
7. St. Lawrence Park
8. Brockville Hockey Academy



## Brockville Collegiate Institute

Brockville Collegiate Institute (BCI) is steeped in a tradition of excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics. It is also one of four schools within the Upper Canada DSB that has been designated as an Innovation School. BCI is committed to building upon the success of our past and innovating as needed to ensure a successful future. BCI has a small school feel but it is big on Red Ram spirit! Respectful relationships between students and staff serve as the foundation for the positive school culture and the sense of family that characterizes BCI.

Socialist High Skills Majors: **Arts & Culture**

Mascot: **Red Ram**  
Colours: **Red and White**  
School Population: **750**  
International Students: **40-50**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

-  Computers/Technology
-  Swimming
-  Drama
-  Tennis



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Brockville, Ontario K6J 1P8  
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## Thousand Islands Secondary School

At Thousand Islands Secondary School (TISS), our mission is to provide a diversity of academic, social, and extra-curricular opportunities for all students as they work to realize their maximum potential. The principals of integrity and the awareness of the needs of others will be at the forefront of any TISS endeavour. Both staff and students will exemplify the qualities of respect, leadership and community service as our students acquire the skills and knowledge to become productive citizens.

Socialist High Skills Majors: **Health & Wellness, Arts & Culture, Manufacturing**

Mascot: **Pirates**  
Colours: **Purple**  
School Population: **900**  
International Students: **40-50**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

-  Cooking
-  Fine Arts
-  Dance/Cheerleading
-  Track



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# Carleton Place

Carleton Place is conveniently located on the serene Mississippi River. Named after a famous square in Glasgow, its beautiful streetscapes, scenic trails, and picturesque waterfront make this town one of a kind in the Ottawa Valley. With downtown Ottawa only 30 minutes away Carleton Place offers the

conveniences of the city along with the friendliness of a small town. Throughout its history, the Mississippi River has made Carleton Place an attractive place to settle and it continues to draw people here today for its beauty, entertainment, and way of life.



## Eight Great Things in Carleton Place

1. Carleton Place Cycling Club
2. Carleton Place Aquatic Centre
3. Boating or swimming in the Mississippi River
4. Riverside Park Beach
5. Carleton Place community labyrinth
6. Bridge St. Summer Festival
7. Carleton Place Indoor Arena
8. Carleton Place Curling Club



## Carleton Place High School

Students at Carleton Place High School excel in national academic competitions, acceptance to university and college programs, as well as extra-curricular activities such as athletics, drama, music, and theatre. Carleton Place High School is a centre for learning which recognizes the value of the individual and everyone's potential to learn.

Mascot: **Bears** School Population: **850**  
 Colours: **Burgundy & Yellow** International Students: **20-30**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

- Music
- Skiing
- Outdoor Education
- Soccer

### Lorena Fanti

From Italy

"My favourite part of the experience were the trips. It was so fun to see Niagara Falls and the basketball and hockey games. I got to study and be a tourist in Canada."



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 Carleton Place, Ontario K7C 1M3  
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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Health & Wellness, Sports,  
 Arts & Culture, Construction**







# Clarence-Rockland

Only 20 minutes away from the west end of Ottawa, Clarence-Rockland is a growing city located on the shores of the Ottawa River. Across the river from Clarence-Rockland are the beautiful foothills of the Laurentian Mountains in Quebec which offer students a wide selection of outdoor activities. The

community is one of the most bilingual areas of the Upper Canada DSB with most people able to speak in both English and French. Clarence-Rockland has matured into a beautiful city that offers students both the quiet of the countryside and the urban offerings of a big city.



## Eight Great Things in Clarence-Rockland

1. Rockland Skating Club
2. -Canadian International Hockey Academy
3. Rockland Field Archers
4. Beckett Creek Conversation Area
5. Bean Town Ranch Sugar Bush
6. Virtual Sports Zone
7. Rockland Golf Club
8. Ottawa River Festival



## Rockland District High School

At Rockland District High School (RDHS), our team of high-performing professionals guarantee the delivery of rigorous and relevant curriculum, which is aimed to engage all learners. At RDHS, there are many individuals on hand to assist you with special needs and requirements. RDHS has an inclusive environment where all students find belonging.

Mascot: **Wildcats** School Population: **350**  
Colours: **Blue** International Students: **5-10**

- Top Sports and Clubs:**
- Dance/ Cheerleading
  - Horseback Riding
  - French
  - Skiing

**Junho Kim**  
From South Korea

"After being in this program for 4 years, I learned that this is an amazing place to spend your high school years."



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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Health & Wellness**



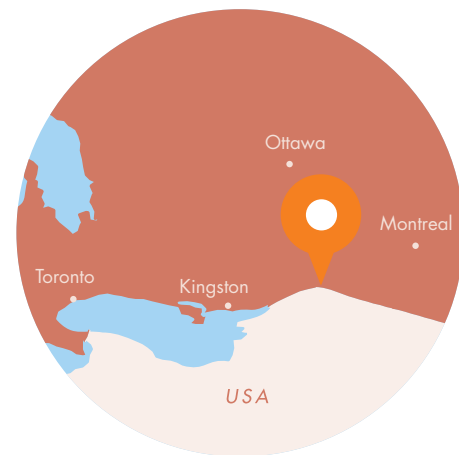




# Cornwall

Cornwall is the largest city in the Upper Canada DSB and also one of the oldest cities in Canada. Located one hour from Montreal on the border with the province of Quebec, Cornwall has a large francophone community giving the city a unique bilingual character. Cornwall

is located on the St. Lawrence River which provides it with great waterfront opportunities for hiking, sailing, and kayaking. Cornwall's growing community is beautiful, safe, and friendly with many options for shopping, eating, and spending time with friends.



## Eight Great Things in Cornwall

1. Cornwall Indoor Soccer League
2. Nav Centre
3. Public transit available
4. VIA Rail train service to Ottawa and Montreal
5. Benson Centre Indoor Arena
6. Guindon Park
7. Cornwall Gymnastic Club
8. Big Ben Ski Hill



## Cornwall Collegiate & Vocational School

Built in 1806, Cornwall Collegiate Vocational School (CCVS) is one of the oldest schools in Canada. CCVS offers students a wide range of programs and options for post-secondary education. CCVS has a strong, harmonious, multicultural look and feel to its school environment.

Socialist High Skills Majors:  
**Arts & Culture, Health & Wellness, Hospitality**

Mascot: **Raiders**  
Colours: **Yellow and Black**  
School Population: **700**  
International Students: **40-50**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

- Cooking
- Fine Arts
- Dance/Cheerleading
- Tennis



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## St. Lawrence Secondary School

St. Lawrence Secondary School (SLSS) is a modern high school with high-quality academic programming and unique extra-curricular activities. At SLSS, we value respect for all; success for all students; a safe learning environment; positive relationships; and diversity and multiculturalism.

Socialist High Skills Majors:  
**Health & Wellness, Hospitality, Information Technology**

Mascot: **Saints**  
Colours: **Blue and Yellow**  
School Population: **500**  
International Students: **40-50**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

- Basketball
- Music
- French
- Soccer



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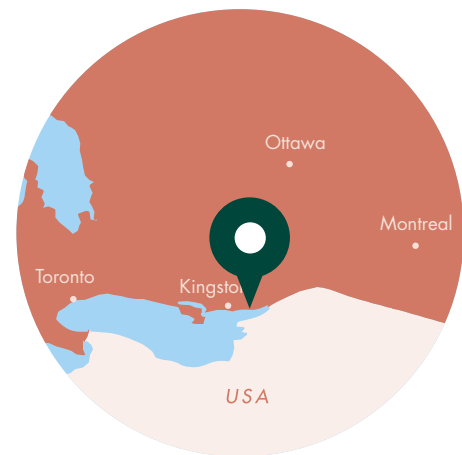




# Gananoque

Located in the heart of the world famous 1000 islands, Gananoque offers students the chance to enjoy small town living in one of Ontario's most popular tourist destinations. The 1000 islands region is a destination of choice for visitors from all over the world. Downtown Gananoque

is filled with many talented artists, unique shops, restaurants, and theatre performances. If you are looking for an adventure, feel free to explore the natural beauty of the St. Lawrence River by enjoying some of Eastern Ontario's best hiking and water trails.



## Eight Great Things in Gananoque

1. Live music at Town Park
2. Gananoque BMX & Skateboard Park
3. Gananoque Boat Lines
4. GreeneAcre Golf Club
5. Skywood Eco Adventure
6. Thousand Islands National Park
7. 1000 Islands Playhouse
8. Landon Bay Recreation Centre



## Gananoque Secondary School

Gananoque Secondary School has a strong focus on academic programming and the development of positive work habits and learning skills. This results in a rich learning environment with all the benefits that can be offered in a small, caring community school. A high percentage of students participate in a variety of extra-curricular opportunities offered in the areas of sports, music, global outreach, and student nutrition.

Mascot: **Trojans** School Population: **450**  
Colours: **Red and Blue** International Students: **1-5**

- Top Sports and Clubs:**
- Cooking
  - Tennis
  - Fine Arts
  - Track & Field

### Sergio Lopez Garcia From Colombia

"The experience is all up to you. Get involved every day and always challenge yourself. You will leave as a better person."



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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Hospitality, Sports**



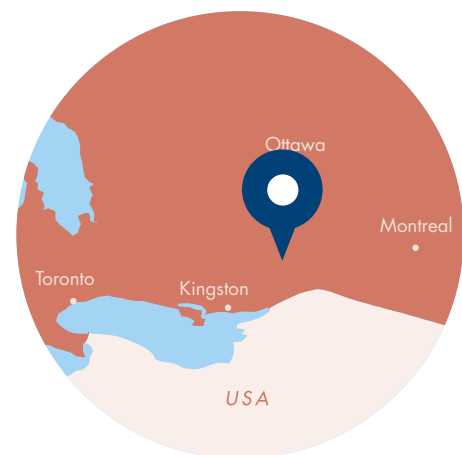




# North Dundas

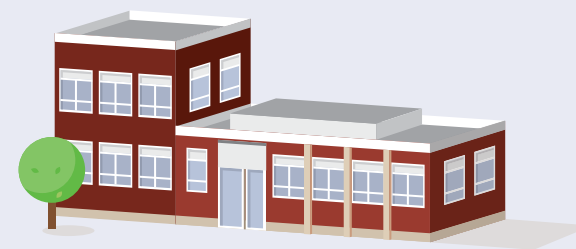
North Dundas is a growing municipality located 40 minutes south of the City of Ottawa and 40 minutes north of the City of Cornwall. The area of North Dundas is full of beautiful rolling farmland, rivers, forests, and trails for students to explore. In addition to natural beauty,

North Dundas has strong community sports associations and is well known for some of Eastern Ontario's most famous golf courses. Students who live in North Dundas can enjoy all the best of life in a rural Canadian community with cities nearby for shopping and entertainment.



## Eight Great in North Dundas

1. Art On The Waterfront
2. Winchester Dairyfest
3. Cedar Glen Golf Course
4. Smokie Ridge Vineyard
5. Joel Steele Community Centre
6. Winchester Curling Club
7. Cloverdale Links Golf Course
8. South Mountain County Fair



## North Dundas District High School

North Dundas District High School is an outstanding school located in Chesterville, Ontario. Students benefit from a rigorous academic program that is enriched with a wide variety of extra-curricular activities driven by devoted educational staff and administration. NDDHS will help you to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to be successful in an evolving world.

Mascot: **Devils** School Population: **450**  
 Colours: **Yellow and Black** International Students: **1-5**

- Top Sports and Clubs:**
- Drama
  - Outdoor Education
  - Horseback Riding
  - Track & Field

### Lucas Ribeiro De Miranda From Brazil

"This experience opens your mind a little bit to a different type of culture and makes you realize that there are different way of life and thinking."



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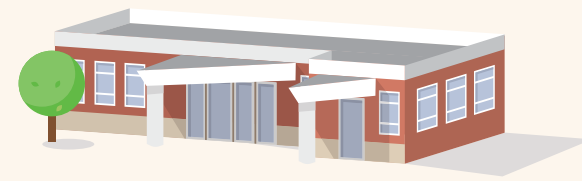
Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Health & Wellness, Agriculture,  
 Information Technology**








Specialist High Skills Majors:  
Health & Wellness, Transportation



## Glengarry District High School

Glengarry District High School (GDHS) is a community school with a proud history of producing well-rounded and successful graduates. Over the years, Glengarry's students have taken home some of the highest awards for high school students in Ontario for academics, music, sports, and drama. GDHS offers equal opportunity for all and excellence for everyone!

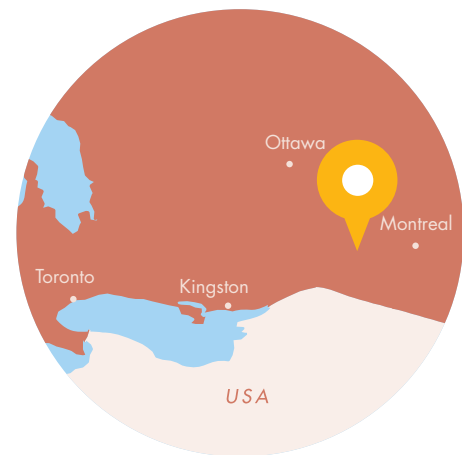
Mascot: **Gaels** School Population: **300**  
Colours: **Red and White** International Students: **1-5**

- Top Sports and Clubs:**
-  French
  -  Swimming
  -  Soccer
  -  Tennis

# North Glengarry

Located an hour from both the major cities of Ottawa and Montreal, North Glengarry is a rural community that has something for everyone. North Glengarry has an incredible amount of natural beauty for students to explore along with two large indoor arenas to enjoy sports such as soccer and tennis all year long. The area around North Glengarry was founded by Scottish

settlers. North Glengarry is home to one of the largest traditional Scottish Highland Games festivals in Ontario. Being just minutes from the border with Quebec, North Glengarry's unique location provides an excellent mix of French and English and is a great location for students looking to practice both of Canada's official languages.



### Eight Great Things in North Glengarry

1. Priests Mills Arts Centre
2. Indoor Soccer Field and Tennis Courts
3. Glengarry Arena
4. Maxville Fair
5. Glengarry Highland Games
6. St. Raphael's Ruins
7. Glengarry Golf and Country Club
8. North Glengarry Fishing Derby

### Javier Hurtado Etayo From Spain

"I was able to take some classes and speak with my host family in French. It was great to improve both my English and French at the same time."



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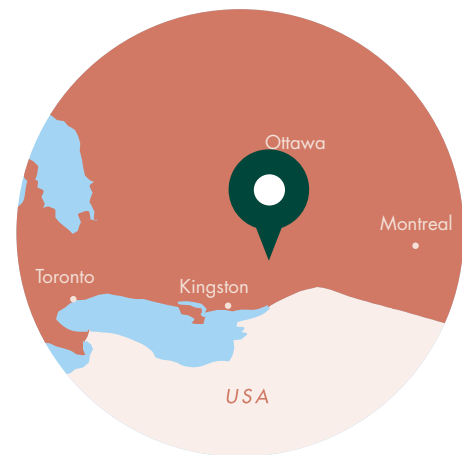




# North Grenville

As one of the fastest growing areas of Eastern Ontario, North Grenville offers a distinct mix of small-town and rural lifestyles with downtown Ottawa only 30 minutes away. North Grenville has become a destination in the Upper Canada DSB for people looking for speciality shops, fine dining, and live

entertainment. Whether you live in the suburban area of Kemptville, or some of the rural villages and hamlets that surround the region – students that live in North Grenville can enjoy an exciting mix of trails, waterways, dining, shopping, arts and culture.



## Eight Great Things in North Grenville

1. Frank Soccer Training Academy
2. Kemptville Live Music Festival
3. Historic Old Town Kemptville
4. Urbandale Arts Centre
5. Rideau River Provincial Park
6. North Grenville Municipal Recreation Centre
7. Riverside Sports Park
8. Limerick Forest Biking Trail



## North Grenville District High School

At North Grenville District High School, we strive to provide our students with diverse learning opportunities with the primary goal of preparing them for college and university. We offer educational pathways for essential learning, college preparation, and university preparation. Students at North Grenville excel in national academic competitions, as well as extra-curricular activities such as athletics, drama, and music.

Mascot: **Knights** School Population: **850**  
Colours: **Red, Black & White** International Students: **10-20**

- Top Sports and Clubs:**
- Computers/Technology
  - Math
  - Music
  - Soccer

### Tiffany Yeung, From Hong Kong

"Living in Canada is awesome! I love my host family. They are so helpful and gave me a chance to have a brother and sister. I have two families now!"



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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Health & Wellness, Transportation**







# Perth

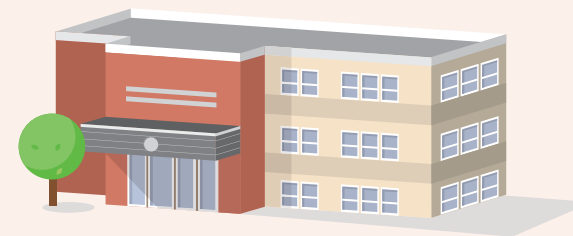
Perth is one of the oldest towns in Ontario and a major tourist destination. The historic downtown consists of boutiques, speciality shops and restaurants, including crafts, antiques, and a flea market. Most of these stores are located inside the famous old stone buildings which are found throughout the town. In addition to

the beautiful architecture and shops, Perth is home to a variety of outdoor activities including paddling, cycling and community sports. Student that study in Perth get to experience a friendly, traditional Canadian town where all your neighbours know your name and community spirit is strong and supportive.



## Eight Great Things in Perth

1. Murphy's Point Provincial Park
2. Perth Fair
3. Festival of the Maples
4. Perth Figure Skating Club
5. Stewart Park
6. Paddleboard on the Tay River
7. Perth Museum
8. Perth & District Community Centre



## Perth District Collegiate Institute

Perth District Collegiate Institute (PDCI) is located in the town of Perth, Ontario. The community of PDCI shares the responsibility of supporting all individuals in fulfilling their potential. At PDCI, we strive to help students acquire the knowledge, skills, and values they need to become self-reliant, responsible adults.

Mascot: **Blue Devils** School Population: **750**  
 Colours: **Blue and White** International Students: **10-20**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

- Computers/Technology
- Math
- Drama
- Outdoor Education

### Misaki Okuda

From Japan

"Canada is a beautiful country with so much for everyone. I was able to make new friends, improve my English, and experience something new every day. I will never forget this experience."



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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Arts & Culture, Business, Horticulture & Landscaping, Information Technology, Non-Profit, Sports, Transportation**







## South Grenville District High School

At South Grenville District High School (SGDHS), we constantly strive to offer leadership in our classrooms and communities to help our students achieve academic, physical, social and moral excellence. We are not just preparing students for academic success, we are preparing the stewards of our future so our communities may flourish and prosper. The staff and the programs offered at SGDHS are dedicated to the development of the total student: intellectually, socially, physically, and emotionally.

Mascot: **Giants** School Population: **500**  
Colours: **Green and Yellow** International Students: **1-5**

**Top Sports and Clubs:**



Basketball



Music



Cooking



Tennis



# Prescott

Originally settled as Fort Wellington during the War of 1812 Prescott has kept the nickname "Fort Town" but become a centre of culture and natural beauty in Eastern Ontario. Located on the shores of the St. Lawrence River, Prescott is 15 minutes away from the

City of Brockville, 45 minutes from the City of Ottawa, and has an international border crossing with the USA. Prescott's River Walk District is the perfect place for students to explore the outdoor beauty and recreational activities that are available in this peaceful river town.



### Eight Great Things in Prescott

1. Battle of the Windmill historic site
2. Sailing on the St. Lawrence River
3. Prescott River Walk District
4. Shakespeare Festival
5. Fort Wellington
6. Prescott Golf Club
7. Kelly Beach
8. Prescott Recreation Baseball League

### Anne Brecht

From Germany

"Before leaving I was worried about being in a small town. I made new friends, tried new sports, and stayed with a wonderful family that treated me like their own child. I look back at my worries and laugh."



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# Rideau Lakes

Ontario is known for its beautiful lakes and waterfront areas. Rideau Lakes is the perfect community for students that love the outdoors and would like to live in the heart of one of Eastern Ontario most famous lake districts. Across the Rideau Lakes area there are many opportunities for students to experience boating, kayaking, fishing, and swimming.

There are also a number of biking paths, hiking trails, golf courses and maple syrup farms across the region to explore. The Rideau Lakes area is 45 minutes away from the City of Kingston and centrally located between the Upper Canada DSB communities of Athens, Smiths Falls, Perth, and Gananoque.



## Eight Great Things in Rideau Lakes

- 1. Elgin Recreation Hockey League
- 2. Elgin Municipal Community Complex
- 3. Murphy's Point Provincial Park
- 4. Maple's Golf and Country Club
- 5. Big Rideau Lake
- 6. Frontenac Provincial Park
- 7. Old Stone Mill Historic Site
- 8. Rideau Lakes Pickleball Association



## Rideau District High School

Rideau District High School (RDHS) is a school that prides itself on academic, musical, artistic, and athletic excellence. RDHS continues to be on the cutting edge of new technology in classrooms, focusing on a student-centered approach to learning. A high percentage of students at RDHS are involved in extra-curricular activities at the school. We offer a variety of activities outside of the classroom that stimulate the mind, body, and heart of our students. Our primary goal at RDHS is to assist students in maximizing their potential.

Mascot: **Lions** School Population: **350**  
Colours: **Green and Yellow** International Students: **1-5**

- Top Sports and Clubs:**
- Cooking
  - Dance/ Cheerleading
  - Drama
  - Outdoor Education

### Tomas Blazek From Czech Republic

"My host family's food was so good. Sometimes I would make them food from home. I met some other international students who made great food from their countries too. It's funny to think about it but my favourite part was definitely the food."



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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Health & Wellness, Arts & Culture,  
Environmental Studies, Construction**







# Russell

Russell is a growing community only 30 minutes from downtown Ottawa. Dynamic and friendly, the people of Russell are known for their community involvement and participation in cultural and sporting activities. Year round,

agricultural activities and a variety of festivals and events are organized. One of the most interesting characteristics of the area is the bilingualism that has existed since the arrival of the first English and French settlers in the 19th century.



## Eight Great Things in Russell

1. Russell Arena
2. Metcalfe Golf Club
3. Castor river fishing
4. J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area
5. Calypso Waterpark
6. Russell Sports Dome
7. New York Central Fitness Trail
8. Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm



## Russell High School

Russell High School is located in the small but rapidly growing community of Russell, Ontario. At Russell High School, our focus is to provide all students with the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will help them to develop appropriate career plans and explore career options.

Mascot: **Wolves** School Population: **400**  
 Colours: **Red and Black** International Students: **10-20**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

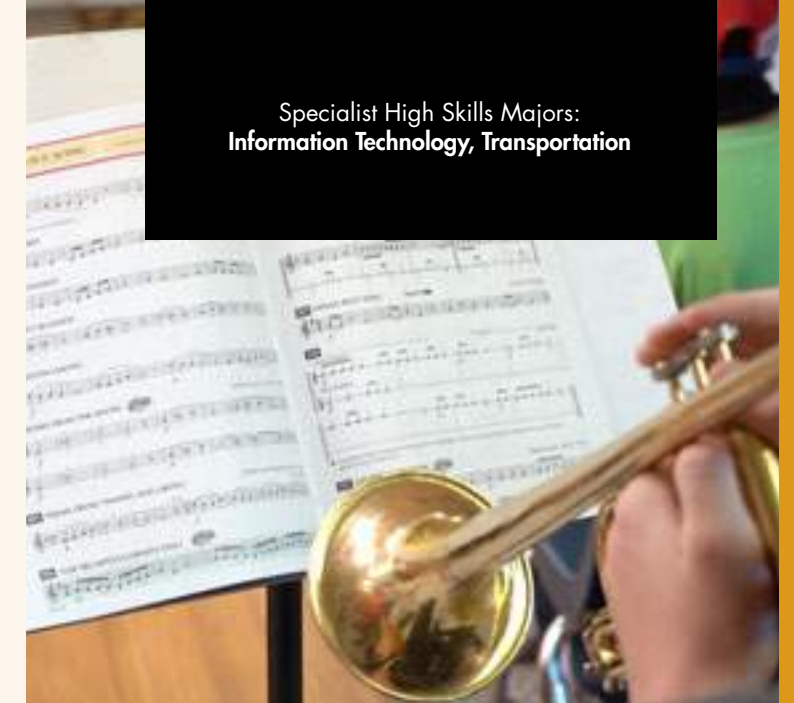
- Basketball
- Math
- French
- Swimming

### Helen Liu From China

"When I first came I nervous and needed a lot of support. The school staff helped me to take the right classes and get accepted for university. Thank you Upper Canada!"



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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Information Technology, Transportation**







## Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute

Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute (SFDCI) is a dynamic school where students, staff, family, and community are connected to a positive learning environment. We believe school spirit and participation enhance the growth of all members of the school community. With a great Arts department, and a yearly Science Fair, SFDCI will prepare individuals for a future of lifelong learning.

Mascot: **Redhawks** School Population: **700**  
Colours: **Red and Black** International Students: **30-40**

- Top Sports and Clubs:**
- 🍴 Cooking
  - 📊 Math
  - 🎨 Fine Arts
  - 🏊 Swimming



Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Arts & Culture, Agriculture, Hospitality, Sports**

# Smiths Falls

Smiths Falls is a medium size town that offers something for everyone, whether it's a relaxing cruise down the river, joining a community sports league, a picnic in the park, or shopping with friends downtown. Smiths Falls is located in the middle of the Rideau Canal, a world famous waterway that connects

Ottawa to the St. Lawrence River. In Smiths Falls students will find a unique mix of leisure and recreational activities set against a backdrop of history and nature. Smiths Falls is an hour from downtown Ottawa and 15 minutes from the Rideau Lakes region.



### Eight Great Things in Smiths Falls

1. Ottawa Senators Outdoor Hockey Rink
3. Smith's Falls Junior Hockey Association
5. Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario
7. Memorial Community Centre
2. The Rideau Canal
4. Lower Reach Park
6. Cataraqui Trail
8. The Station Theatre

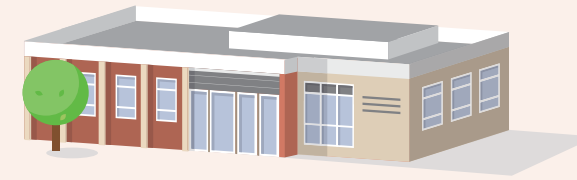
### Olivia Thornton From Australia

"When I left home I thought 5 months was going to feel like forever. It felt like 5 days. Make the most of every moment because it will be over before you know it."

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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
Agriculture, Construction, Transportation



## Seaway District High School

Seaway District High School is a well-rounded school which offers all of the programs and classes that any student could need, such as math, science, arts, physical education, languages, and a well-rounded technology program.

Mascot: **Spartans** School Population: **400**  
Colours: **Orange and Black** International Students: **1-5**

### Top Sports and Clubs:



Computers/  
Technology



Horseback  
Riding



Dance/  
Cheerleading



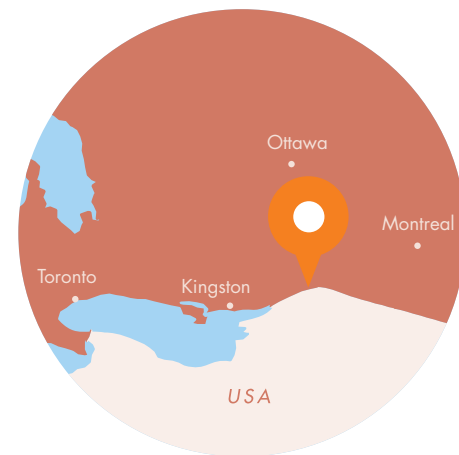
Track & Field



# South Dundas

The St. Lawrence River provides a stunning backdrop to this area of Eastern Ontario consisting of a collection of small towns, rolling farmland and popular tourist attractions. South Dundas is the home of the Upper Canada Village, the Upper Canada

Playhouse, and the Iroquois Locks, as well as historical points of interest such as the famous Dr. Locke and the Battle of Crysler Farm. South Dundas is the home of the first McIntosh apple tree founded by John McIntosh in 1776.



### Eight Great Things in South Dundas

1. Camping on the St. Lawrence
2. St. Lawrence Bike Trail
3. Upper Canada Village
4. Upper Canada Playhouse
5. Upper Canada Golf and Country Club
6. St. Lawrence Bird Sanctuary
7. Iroquois Locks
8. Dentz Orchard & Berry Farm

### Andre Delgado From Argentina

"I was worried about the cold before coming. Winter is cold but it was also fun. It was interesting to see 4 very different seasons. Summer gets really hot. I was so surprised. Bring a big jacket and shorts!"



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# South Glengarry

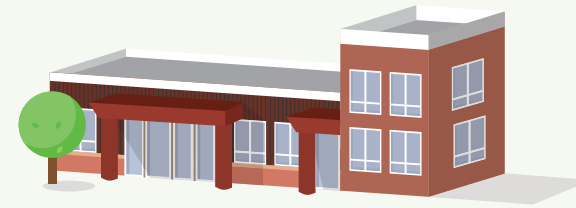
South Glengarry is the birthplace of Ontario. Located close to the St. Lawrence River, South Glengarry is 15 minutes east of Cornwall and 45 minutes west of Montreal. South Glengarry has a strong marine culture with many people in the community very interested in fishing and boating. The famous Cooper's

Marsh Conversation Area is a great place for students to enjoy the beauty of Eastern Ontario's nature and wildlife. Students looking for a great place to eat and shop can enjoy walking through the historic downtown cores of the towns of Lancaster and Williamstown.



## Eight Great Things in South Glengarry

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Cooper's March Conservation Area | 3. Williamstown Recreation Centre | 5. Williamstown Fair      | 7. Peanut Line Trail                        |
| 2. Raisin River Canoe Races         | 4. Bainsville Outdoor Ice Rink    | 6. Lancaster Curling Club | 8. Hybrid Marine Paddleboard & Canoe rental |



## Char-Lan Intermediate & District High School

At Char-Lan Intermediate & District High School, our focus is to provide all students with the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will help them to understand and appreciate themselves, relate effectively with others, develop appropriate educational plans, and explore career options.

Mascot: **Crusaders** School Population: **300**  
 Colours: **Yellow and Blue** International Students: **1-5**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| French           | Soccer        |
| Horseback Riding | Track & Field |

**Paul Leitner**  
From Austria

"This experience is definitely worth it. I learned a lot about a new country while also being able to share a lot about my own."



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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Health & Wellness, Agriculture**











## Tagwi Secondary School

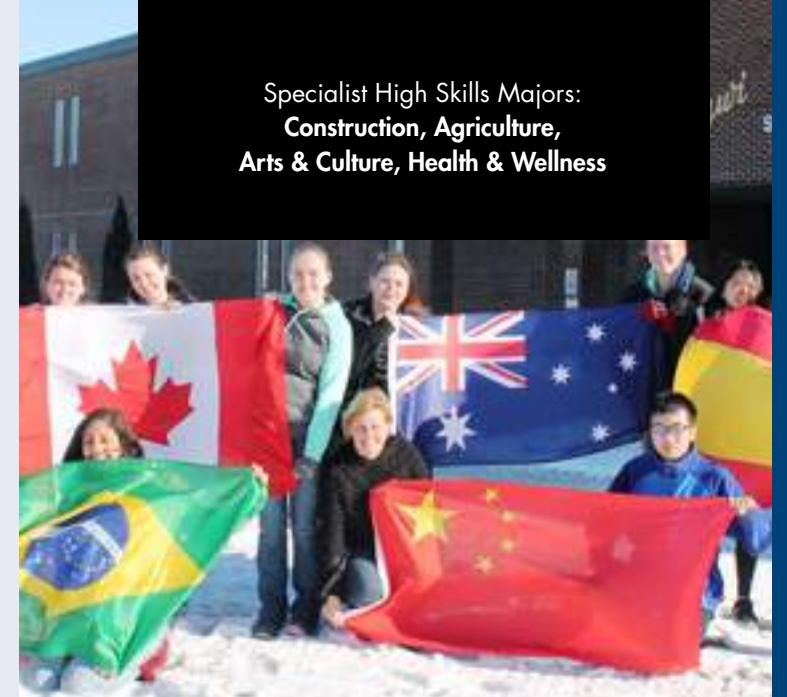
Tagwi Secondary School (TSS) is a school with great energy and enthusiasm. The staff and community are dedicated to producing students who are well prepared for the various life experiences that lie ahead. At TSS, we are continually searching for ways to meet the needs of our students through programs such as cooperative education, dual-credit programming with colleges, university enrichment courses, apprenticeships and service based learning in communities both locally and internationally.

Mascot: **Warriors**  
Colours: **Blue**

School Population: **600**  
International Students: **20-30**

### Top Sports and Clubs:

-  Basketball
-  Math
-  Horseback Riding
-  Outdoor Education



Specialist High Skills Majors:  
**Construction, Agriculture,  
Arts & Culture, Health & Wellness**



# Stormont

Experience the best of traditional rural Canada in the Stormont region. Historic Victorian homes and large maple trees cover this region full of friendly people, natural beauty, and a wide selection of community sports organizations including basketball, soccer, and baseball. Only

15 minutes from the City of Cornwall or 45 minutes to the City of Ottawa, the Stormont region offers students the chance to experience a traditional rural community in Eastern Ontario close enough to the services and entertainment options of larger cities.



### Eight Great Things in Stormont

1. Avonmore Fair
2. Moose Creek Outdoor Arena
3. Stormont Broomball League
4. Stormont County Fair
5. Ingleside Skateboard park / Splash pad
6. Camping / biking along the Long Sault Parkway
7. Lost Villages Museum
8. Tobogganing in Long Sault

### Nathan Stewart From Canada

"Every year when school starts I'm always excited to meet the new international students and learn about their cultures. I have friends from around the world."



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# Vankleek Hill

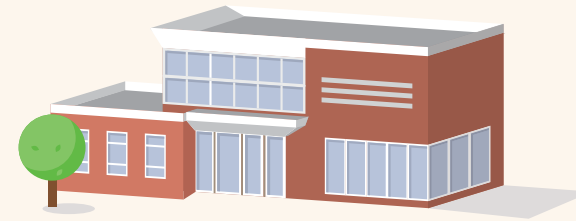
Known as the “Gingerbread Capital of Ontario” due to its beautiful old red brick Victorian homes, Vankleek Hill is a small town with a big spirit. Located in the north eastern corner of the Upper Canada DSB, Vankleek Hill is one hour from

both Ottawa and Montreal and just 10 minutes away from the nearby river town of Hawkesbury with beautiful riverside shopping and restaurants. Vankleek Hill is close to the province of Quebec and has a very bilingual population.



## Eight Great Things in Vankleek Hill

1. Vankleek Hill Community Centre
2. Winter Carnival
3. Vankleek Hill Farmer’s Market
4. Ouimet Farms Adventures
5. L’Original Beach & Campgrounds
6. Cross Country Skiing
7. Vankleek Hill Oktoberfest
8. Ottawa River Festival



## Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute


Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute (VHCI) is a small school nestled in the heart of Vankleek Hill. VHCI has an excellent reputation and tradition of high performance in areas of academics, athletics, cultural and social pursuits.

Mascot: **Rebels** School Population: **300**  
 Colours: **Red and White** International Students: **1-5**

- Top Sports and Clubs:**
- Computers/Technology
  - Fine Art
  - Swimming
  - Skiing

### Hannah Phan From Vietnam

“My teachers were very helpful. I could always ask them a question. They always encouraged me to do my best and succeed.”

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Specialist High Skills Majors:  
Health & Wellness, Agriculture







# APPLICATION PROCESS

## YOUR CANADA EXPERIENCE IS WAITING

For a complete list of application details and to get started, please visit [studyuppercanada.ca/application-process](http://studyuppercanada.ca/application-process)

### Apply →

**Action:**

- > All necessary documents uploaded to Upper Canada DSB online application system
- > \$250 application deposit sent

**Timeline:** No official deadline. For school availability we recommend application to be submitted 3-4 months prior to start of school year

**Support:**  + 

### Admission →

**Action:**

- > Application reviewed
- > Letter of Acceptance and invoice provided
- > Agent contacted for any outstanding documents or questions related to application

**Timeline:** 2-3 days after application submitted to online system

**Support:** 

### Online English Proficiency Test and Orientation →

**Action:**

- > Details provided for an online English test
- > Students complete test and are provided an Ontario Ministry of Education ESL level
- > Students are provided with an online orientation program they can complete to prepare them for studying in Canada

**Timeline:** Within 1 month of application

**Support:**  + 

### Program Confirmation →

**Action:**

- > Final review of application documents
- > Receipt for payment provided
- > Course eligibility and final school details provided

**Timeline:** 2 months prior to arrival

**Support:**  → 

### Arrival Details →

**Action:**

- > Flight & date of arrival is provided to Upper Canada DSB
- > Students arrival scheduled for up to one week prior to start of school year / school program

**Timeline:** 2 months prior to arrival

**Support:**  → 

### Confirmation of Homestay Family ↓

**Action:**

- > Homestay provides details of host family to local agent
- > Students are able to communicate directly with their host family

**Timeline:** 4-6 weeks prior to arrival

**Support:**  → 

 **WELCOME TO CANADA!**





# Education Pathways

Support and Guidance  
for Academic Achievements



## Course Eligibility

For international students in a full English immersion academic environment, it is especially important that course placement is appropriate to the student's English language proficiency level. To ensure this, the eligibility for International Students at the Upper Canada DSB to enroll in certain courses depends on students' level of English proficiency. Before arriving, students are required to complete an English language proficiency assessment. The result of this test, in addition to application observations, personal interviews with Upper Canada DSB staff (when available), and academic history will determine students' academic pathways during their time in Canada.

## ESL Levels

The courses and pathways available to students are based on the five ESL levels recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Education. Depending on students' ESL levels, certain courses will not be available.

### ESL AO – Beginner

- > Understand, read and retell simple stories
- > Give and respond to straightforward directions and instructions
- > Write assertive, negative and interrogative sentences
- > Write a short structured composition following a model

### ESL BO – High Beginner

- > Maintain face-to-face conversations on familiar topics
- > Use short sentences to give opinions
- > Skim a paragraph to find main idea and scan text to find specific information
- > Write simple and compound sentences in answering written questions
- > Write a short composition following a teacher's outline

### ESL CO – Intermediate

- > Take part in conversations on a range of topics
- > Take notes from a passage using a graphic organizer in preparation for writing
- > Identify a writer's or character's point of view
- > Use a variety of simple, compound and complex sentences with some accuracy
- > Write short expository paragraphs in response to a reading

### ESL DO – High Intermediate

- > Discuss or explain ideas or issues
- > Identify and explain literary elements (theme, character, plot and setting)
- > Identify facts and opinions
- > Write a passage of 3 or more paragraphs to develop a central idea

### ESL EO – Advanced

- > Express, support and elaborate a point of view
- > Analyze literary elements (themes, character, plot, and setting)
- > Infer meaning of unfamiliar words from context
- > Write a coherent response to literature which analyses, interprets, and evaluates
- > Information and ideas

## Course of Study

International students at the Upper Canada DSB take 3 or 4 courses in each semester for a maximum of 8 classes in a full school year. Each student has a unique timetable of courses they will study. Depending on a student's program, course of study and the ability for course selection will vary:

### Short-Term Study Program

Course requests considered but not guaranteed.

### Academic Year Program

Upper Canada DSB will work to create a program that allows students to enroll in all courses they need to successfully complete the school year and continue to the next year of study in their home country.

### Graduation Program

Ability to take all necessary courses for graduation and post-secondary goals within the timeline set forth for in their personalized study plan, assuming student progresses normally.

The courses assigned are based on the student's program requirements, stated preferences, as well as requirements for graduation and eligibility for stated post-secondary study intentions.

This information is provided by the student when applying to study at the Upper Canada DSB, through the submission of a completed Student Self Introduction form when entering the International Education Program and through a meeting with a Guidance Counsellor at the school for each subsequent year of study. Course assignments are also based on the student's level of ESL (eligibility details), availability at the school, and fit within a student's timetable.

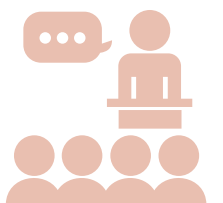
### Specialist High Skills Major

Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) let students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students can receive a SHSM seal on their diploma by completing a specific group of 8-10 courses directly relating to a student's field of interest. All schools across the Upper Canada DSB offer SHSM in various fields. Please see our school profile pages for a full list of SHSMs available across our schools.



### The Student Success Model

The Upper Canada DSB takes pride in providing individualized study plans for all international students. The Upper Canada DSB Student Success Model provides a support network for all students across all of our schools. If students are struggling in school they can meet with a teacher to discuss their issues and concerns. Every week, teaching staff at the schools meet to discuss student concerns that have been raised and work to develop a personalized plan to help students work to achieve their goals.







# Graduation Requirements

What do all students in Ontario need to graduate?

<p><b>18</b> compulsory course credits*</p> <p><b>12</b> optional course credits</p>	+	<p><b>40</b> hours of community involvement activities</p>	=	 <p>Ontario Secondary School Diploma</p>
<p><b>30 credits total</b></p>		<p><small>*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.</small></p>		

**How many credits can I transfer to Canada from my home country?**

Students that arrive to Canada part way through their high school diploma will be granted equivalency credits for up to 24 credits taken in their home countries that match with the Ontario curriculum.

Depending on whether a student intends to go to University or College after graduating, the courses they will need to take when they arrive to Canada will differ

## University Pathway

What do I need to attend university?

30 credits with 6 credits that need to be earned in Ontario. All 6 credits earned in Canada need to be grade 12 classes at either the U or M level. Included in these 6 courses needs to be ENG4U - grade 12 university level English.

In addition to this, international students that have studied in a native-English

speaking country for less than 3 years will need to include an IELTS score as part of their university applications. It is recommended that students applying to a university program have an IELTS score of at least 6 as well as a GPA of 70%+. Please check with your university of choice to confirm their entrance requirements and minimum grade levels.

How long will it take me to graduate? \*\*

ESL Level on Entrance	Grade of Entry			
	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
ESLAO (Beginner)	5 years	4 years	3 years	3 years
ESLBO (High Beginner)	4 years	3 years	3 years	3 years
ESLCO (Intermediate)	4 years	3 years	2 years	2 years
ESLDO (High Intermediate)	4 years	3 years	2 years	1.5 years
ESLEO (Advanced)	4 years	3 years	2 years	1 years

## College Pathway

What do I need to attend college?

30 credits with 6 credits that need to be earned in Ontario. Within the 6 courses required to be taken in Ontario there is only one course that is mandatory for students who intended to move on to college: ENG4C - grade 12 college level English.

In addition to this, international students that have studied in a native-English speaking country for less than 3 years will need to include an IELTS score as part of their college applications. It is recommended that students applying to a college program have an IELTS score of at least 5.5 as well as a GPA of 60%+.

How long will it take me to graduate? \*\*

ESL Level on Entrance	Grade of Entry			
	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
ESLAO (Beginner)	4 years	3 years	3 years	3 years
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Did you know?

Many Canadian colleges have transfer programs that allow students to start their program at the college level and transfer to a university program within 2 years to earn their university diploma. College transfer programs are recommended as a pathway for students who would like to attend university but are not yet ready for eligible for university admission after high school.

Are there any other courses that are mandatory for graduation?

While there are no other courses that are mandatory for a student to obtain a diploma, certain university and college programs will have additional mandatory courses for students to be eligible to enroll. It is recommended that all OSSD program students speak with their guidance counsellor when they arrive in Canada to confirm they are taking the courses necessary to apply for their desired post-secondary programs.

\*\* The charts show the common timeline for students enrolled in the OSSD program. The charts are only a guideline to help incoming students and our admissions team determine a student's pathway when registering to study at the Upper Canada DSB. Completion time for the OSSD Program will ultimately be determined by the graduating student's academic results and progress.





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