



Welcome to the Upper Canada District School Board

Canada is a world-leading democracy with about 35 million citizens. It is one of the world's most ethnically diverse and multicultural nations. It ranks highly for civil liberties, quality of life and education. Canada enjoys four distinct seasons that vary across the country. In Upper Canada we have traditional winters, warm springs, hot summers, and colorful autumns. Canada regularly places in the top ten spots to live in the world.

We are situated in the province of Ontario, which 150 years ago was called 'Upper Canada'. The area is historic and traditional yet offers endless opportunities. Ottawa, the nation's capital, is nearby and Canada's 2 largest cities, Toronto and Montreal, are each about a 2-3 hour drive away. 90% of our student population are Canadian born, English speaking students who are preparing for their future. Our 21 high schools are in varied and beautiful communities surrounded by lakes, rivers, canals, farms and forests.

Geographic Data

Seasons	Average Temperature	Average Precipitation	Languages Spoken
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Programs

We offer 3 programs with many options. Students can study in a Canadian classroom though one of the following options.

Program	Length	Dates
Ontario Secondary School Diploma Program (OSSD)	1 - 4 years	September - June
Academic Year / Semester Program	10 months 5 months	September - January, February - June
Short-Term Cultural Programs	4 - 12 weeks	Flexible*

* Please contact for availability.



What will Day to Day Life be Like?

You'll live with your host family and walk, bike, or ride a yellow school bus to school each day. You'll return home every day for dinner and study and connecting with friends.

Airport transfers when you arrive are included as well medical insurance, local and school orientation and custodianship services.

How to Apply

- 1. Submit your application and documents.
- 2. Complete our online English assessment.
- 3. Welcome to Canada!



Arantza Moran
From Mexico,
Studied at Brockville
Collegiate Institute

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

To get started visit
[www.studyuppercanada.ca/
application-process](http://www.studyuppercanada.ca/application-process)

What We Offer

- 1. Academic programs for students between 13-20 years old.
- 2. Traditional welcoming Canadian communities.
- 3. Full time ESL support staff at school.
- 4. Ongoing homestay support & monitoring.
- 5. Monthly excursions and activities.



Student Success

Upper Canada DSB delivers a range of opportunities for students including academic credit courses required to apply to college or university. Our small class sizes and flexible programs provide students with the personal care and support they need to succeed. Over 80% of our international students graduate within their expected timeline. Many of our international students have gone on to top post-secondary schools such as University of Toronto, McGill University, the University of British Columbia, Harvard University, Oxford University and many others.

We're Number #1

Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a worldwide study that evaluates student's performance in mathematics, science, and reading. PISA ranks our education system as one of the top in the world.



Where Will I Live?

Being in a place that you are comfortable is important for student success. Through our homestay program you will live with a Canadian family that supports the values and vision that an Upper Canada DSB education stands for.

We work closely with The 'Canada Homestay Network' (CHN) in providing a seamless application and monitoring system for international students.

At home you have

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



Nathan Stewart
From Canada,
Studied at Tagwi
Secondary School

"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."

English as Secondary Language (ESL)

Our schools provide an immersive experience in English. Students are integrated into programs that are appropriate to their grade levels and ESL skills. Full time English as a second language (ESL) support is offered in many of our schools. If requested, private English language tutors can be arranged at additional cost.

* Ontario Ministry of Education English Levels: ESL A (Beginner) B, C, D, E (Advanced).

Studying at the Upper Canada DSB

- 1. Pre-arrival English proficiency assessment, submission of academic goals and interests in application.
- 2. Determination of Ontario Ministry of Education English level.*
- 3. Student placement in courses based on interests, goals, academic history, language proficiency, and availability in the school.
- 4. Student progress is monitored and reported twice each semester to provide feedback and express opportunities for improvement and support.



Students who meet the requirements of graduation earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

This diploma is recognized by all Colleges and Universities in Canada and around the world. Depending on previous grades and ESL level entering the program, an OSSD can take 1-4 years to achieve.



Excursions and Things to Do

There are many school extra-curricular adventures available to international students through our program.

Students get wet on a thrilling boat ride in Niagara Falls, learn about French Canada through a walk through historic Montreal, watch one of the world's great basketball teams, the Toronto Raptors, or enjoy Canada's favorite pastime with 20,000 other excited fans at an NHL Ottawa Senators hockey game and more.

The entire Upper Canada DSB area is full of unique and special things to do such as hiking, kayaking, swimming, horseback riding, live theatre and music, etc. Students are encouraged to explore their area and get involved.



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