

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Registration Information

We are pleased to welcome you to Hamilton! Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is a public-school board serving families from kindergarten to grade 12. English as a Second Language support is available in elementary schools and at 4 secondary schools: Westdale, Bernie Custis, Glendale, and Nora Frances Henderson. Students learn English language skills and take other academic courses alongside peers. A newcomer parent resource guide is available at this link:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/community/welcome-centre/#supporting>

Students arriving from Ukraine will attend our schools at no cost, no matter what their immigration status is. For details on finding the closest school to your residence, registration forms and information on how to register please follow the links below (use the translate button on our website to translate to your first language):

Kindergarten (year of birth 2017 or 2016) <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>

Elementary grade 1-8 (year of birth 2015-2008) <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/>

Secondary grade 9-12 (year of birth 2009-2003) <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/plan-for-high-school/>

PLACEMENT

All students are placed in their age-appropriate grade, according to Ministry guidelines

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Step 1: Contact the HWDSB WELCOME CENTRE at 905-521-2554 to arrange a time for children to meet with a teacher for an English language assessment which will provide a starting point for English language programming at school.

Step 2: Complete the enclosed HWDSB Registration Form

Step 3: Have the registration documents ready to bring with you to the school you will be registering with. Even if you do not have all the required documents continue with the registration process.

Step 4: Connect with the school to arrange an appointment to bring the documentation and complete the registration process

Adult ESL classes are also available through our Continuing Education Department:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/esl/>

If you have any questions about registering, please contact our main reception office at 905-527-5092.