

# HWDSB

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## International Education



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# Welcome...

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is one of the largest school boards in Ontario, Canada, administering 13 Secondary schools and 95 Elementary schools in the City of Hamilton and five surrounding areas. The International Student Programs at HWDSB welcome students from around the world.

## HWDSB International Student Programs Offer:

### Ontario Standard Curriculum

- Secondary Program (Grades 9-12)
- Elementary Program (Kindergarten to Grade 8)

### HWDSB Specialized Programs

- English as a Second Language Program (ESL)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- University Advanced Placement
- Self-directed, Self-paced
- French Immersion
- Specialist High Skill Majors (SHSM) (Co-op included)

## Apply today!

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Secondary school:	September to January; February to June (two semesters)
Elementary School:	September to December, January to June, can enroll during the semester.

*Our International Students are from: Brazil, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Taiwan, Turkey, U.A.E, and Vietnam*

## Admissions:

Application Fee:	\$275 CDN (Non-refundable)
Tuition:	\$14,500 CDN (2 semesters, max 8 credits) - Secondary \$7,250 CDN (1 semester, max 4 credits) - Secondary \$14,500 CDN (2 semesters) - Elementary \$1,812.50 CDN per additional Summer/ Night/ Saturday/ online credit Additional fees for IB program
Medical Insurance:	\$659.00 CDN per annum
Application Deadline:	May 31 for September intake; November 30 for February intake. Late applications may be considered.
Application Package:	Download from <a href="http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/international">www.hwdsb.on.ca/international</a>

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# Top reasons to study @HWDSB

1. Our schools are directly administered and funded by the Ministry of Education, which ensures that each school maintains **high academic standards** and a variety of diplomas and certificates.
2. **All teachers are certified** by the Ontario College of Teachers. English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers have additional university qualifications for teaching ESL.
3. Low ratio of International Students to Canadian local students. **Authentic English environment** helps International Students improve English, learn local cultures and make local Canadian friends.
4. **School clubs and extracurricular activities** are accessible to International Students without extra costs.
5. **State-of-the-art school facilities.** Every student receives an iPad at Secondary schools starting September 2019. Smart boards, apple TVs in classrooms.
6. Many **Specialized Programs** for International Students to choose from.
7. Strong Pathways and Partnerships with Ontario universities and other **Canadian universities.**
8. Comprehensive support and care for International Students. The International Programs Staff, the Welcome Centre, school administrators and staff, teachers and guidance counselors all provide **supports for International Students.**







HWDSB's Central Public School

Students from **Kindergarten to grade 12** are welcome to HWDSB. Elementary students take part in regular classroom programming, fully integrated with all peers. ESL teachers and/or classroom teachers can provide English as a Second Language support.

All Secondary schools offer courses that are standard Ontario grades 9-12 curriculum including English, Math (Calculus, Functions, Data Management), Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Physical Education, Computer Science, Business, Music, Art and Social Science courses. Students can choose courses that lead to University or College after graduation.

Students can specialize in other courses at the grade 11 and 12 level such as: Earth and Space Science, Aviation, Philosophy, Accounting, International Business, Economics, World Issues, Computer Engineering, Dance and Drama, Media Arts, and Technical Studies.

Summer school, night school, Saturday courses and on-line courses are all available for International students.

## PRE-ARRIVAL LEARNING PROGRAM (PAL)

We offer an on-line program to provide the opportunity for students, before they come to Canada, to practice their English language skills, learn a little bit about Hamilton, the school Board, homestay life and life in Canada. PAL includes Science and Math terminology courses for grade 8 to 12 that students can access during their studies in Canada.

## SPORTS AND CLUBS

All school sports teams and clubs are open to international students without extra fees. Some examples include: Basketball, Football, Soccer, Rugby, Baseball, Water polo, Badminton, Cricket, Hockey, Track Clubs: Chess, Dance, Debate, Anime, Environmental, ESL, Choir, Jazz Band, DECA (business).

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)** programming is offered at some schools for those students who need additional support to develop their English Language.

- Five levels of ESL courses
- Students can start at any of the five levels depending on their level of English proficiency then take a regular English class once they have mastered the ESL levels
- Schools also offer special ESL courses to earn grade 9 or 10 credits in Geography, History, Mathematics, Physical Education and Drama.
- Students take ESL and regular academic courses with Canadian students each semester.

ESL programming is offered at the following 4 secondary schools: Bernie Custis, Glendale, Nora Henderson, and Westdale where a dedicated guidance counsellor supports and monitors all international students.



### **Bernie Custis S.S.**

This is a brand-new building opening in September 2019 is located beside the city's largest athletic stadium in the central area of the lower city. The school has a partnership with the City of Hamilton that provides state-of-the-art physical education opportunities for students



### **Glendale S.S.**

Located in the east end of the city on a large green space lot. Glendale offers specialized programs including Business as well as Arts and Culture focusing on performing and visual arts.



### **Nora Frances Henderson S.S.**

Located on the upper "mountain" area of the city. This school will move in to a brand new, state of the art facility in September 2020. Nora Henderson offers specialized programming in cosmetology and Information and Communications Technology.



### **Westdale S.S.**

Located in the West end of the city close to McMaster University. Westdale offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, strings program, and French Immersion.

Other HWDSB Secondary schools do not offer ESL programming but are open to International students if they arrive to Canada already proficient in English or once they have achieved English proficiency at an ESL school.



# Specialized Programming

**ENRICHED PROGRAMMING** - is offered for standard courses at the grade 9 and 10 level at all Secondary schools for those students looking for greater challenge.

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)** - a 2-year program beginning in Grade 11 which is designed to prepare students for success at University. The program provides an internationally accepted qualification for entry into higher education and is recognized by many universities worldwide. This program is offered at WESTDALE and ANCASTER Secondary Schools.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)** - Students taking AP courses study Ontario grade 12 curriculum and more rigorous college/university level content as well. At the end of grade 12 students write an AP exam. Many American and Canadian universities offer credit for qualifying AP Exam scores. AP courses are offered at WESTMOUNT and SIR ALLAN MACNAB Secondary Schools.

## **SELF-PACED AND SELF-DIRECTED PROGRAM**

Westmount is one of 8 schools in Canada where students work at their own pace and set their own direction in their learning and demonstration of curriculum expectations. Students spend as much or as little time as they need on subjects. Westmount is part of the Canadian Coalition of Self-Directed Learners (CCSDL).

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MATH (STEM)** - many schools have outstanding teams and clubs of computer programmers and coders, award-winning science fair participants and impressive new and existing robotics programs. All Secondary schools offer a wide range of Science, Technology and Math courses as well as science/math National competition opportunities.

Pictures of various schools here

**SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM)** - an Ontario Ministry of Education approved program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements needed to graduate. Students receive training and certifications specific to their field of study. When graduating students receive a special seal on their diploma and a record card listing the courses and certifications they have earned. SHSM programs are offered at many schools and include: Aviation and Aerospace, Business, Arts and Culture, Social Justice, Environment, Hospitality and Tourism, Health Care.

Other Specialized programs: Sport academies and sport focus courses, Cosmetology, Performing Arts, Music Strings.

For a list of all Secondary school specialized programs please visit:

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/programs/all](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/programs/all)



Ancaster High



Sir Allan MacNab S.S.



Westmount S.S.



Dundas Valley S.S.



Orchard Park S.S.

# What our students have to say...

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## Allan Zhao

**2018 Graduate, from China**

"I found teachers in Nora Henderson Secondary School are the most encouraging, friendly and enthusiastic teachers that I have ever seen in my life...because of them, I felt like I was at home."



## Victoria Huang

**2016 Graduate, from China**

"I had a wonderful experience during the two years studying the IB program at Ancaster High School. I was accepted to the Management Engineering Program at the University of Waterloo with the President's Entrance Scholarship. I sincerely appreciate all the help and support from teachers and staff at Ancaster High School and the International Student office!"



## Turkey Student Group

**September 2018**

"We have had an enjoyable learning experience at the high schools at HWDSB! The Canadian teachers and students are very friendly and welcoming. Not only we have improved our English, but also have learned about Canada's culture and made friends with Canadian students!"



# Hamilton • Ontario • Canada

The City of Hamilton is ideally located at the centre of Ontario's Golden Horseshoe, midway between Toronto and Niagara Falls in the province of Ontario, Canada. It only takes a 60-minute drive to get to Toronto, Niagara Falls, or the border of the United States.

Hamilton is home to McMaster University and Mohawk College. It is about one to one-and-a-half-hour drive to many leading universities, including University of Toronto, York University, University of Waterloo, University of Western Ontario, Guelph University, Brock University and more.

Hamilton is a safe, friendly, and multicultural city, ideal for international students to study and live. The city offers many amenities including historical sites, professional sports teams, great shopping complexes, a beautiful view of Lake Ontario, and scenic conservation areas.



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