

GET A
Canadian
EDUCATION



2021-2022

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

Niagara, Ontario, Canada

dsbn.org/international

THE ONTARIO PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Ontario Ministry of Education governs the public education system for the elementary and secondary school levels which encompasses Grades JK-12 leading to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The Ontario Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities governs the public education system for post-secondary levels which encompasses applied diploma and degree programs at the Colleges and undergraduate and graduate degree programs at the Universities. Ontario is home to 24 public Colleges and 20 Universities.

The Ontario College of Teachers grants the professional designation of Ontario Certified Teacher (OCT) to qualified individuals.

Students in Ontario's elementary and secondary school study a rigorous curriculum specified by the Ontario Ministry of Education

Ontario Secondary School Diploma
www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/graduate.html

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is a Kindergarten to Grade 12 publicly funded school district in Ontario, Canada. You are invited to live and study in one of the most scenic parts of the world that is home to the world-famous Niagara Falls. The Niagara Region is located only one-hour drive from Toronto International Airport. Our schools offer programs that are internationally renowned for their excellence, are staffed with government-certified, highly dedicated teachers, and have superb facilities.

DSBN provides outstanding education to over 36,000 students in 79 elementary schools and 17 secondary schools. We can offer various study periods — one-semester (5 months), full-year (10 months) for gap-year or multi-year for graduation, as well as winter and summer camps.

Teachers of the DSBN

Students will be taught by our staff of experienced and caring teachers who excel at aiding students to reach their full potential. All our teachers hold the Ontario Certified Teacher (OCT) designation.

Curriculum at the DSBN

The schools of the DSBN place a special focus on English, math, science, and technology and offer a wide variety of arts programs to ensure students acquire the skills necessary to graduate and continue to post-secondary education. A wide variety of extra-curricular activities are available, such as skating, music, sports and fitness, drama and other school clubs.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDY

Elementary:

- Grades JK-8
- Ages 4-13

Students may study:

- English Language
- Math
- Science & Technology
- Social Studies
- The Arts
- French
- Health & Physical Education

School Year:

- September-June

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDY

Secondary:

- Grades 9-12
- Ages 14-17

School Year

- September-June

Students may study:

- English
- Math
- Science
- Technology
- Business
- History/Geography
- Arts
- Second Languages
- Health & Physical Education



Learn English, Explore Niagara Falls & Region

Come for a short-term cultural stay in elementary or secondary school for one semester (5 months). This is an opportunity to enhance English language skills and to experience the natural beauty of the world-famous Niagara Region. Optional excursions to **Toronto** – Ontario's capital, and/or the city of **Ottawa** – Canada's capital, are available for organized group programs.

ESL services for academic study consist of classroom teacher support and **ESL/ELD** teacher support in the classrooms and/or in a dedicated resource room.

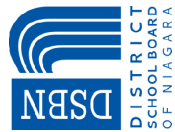
Academic Counselling services consist of assistance in course selection, career counselling, and application to post-secondary institutions.

Homestay services are available through local agencies who provide nurturing host families.

SHORT-TERM CULTURAL STAYS

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

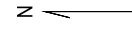
SCHOOL LOCATIONS



Elementary & Secondary School Locations

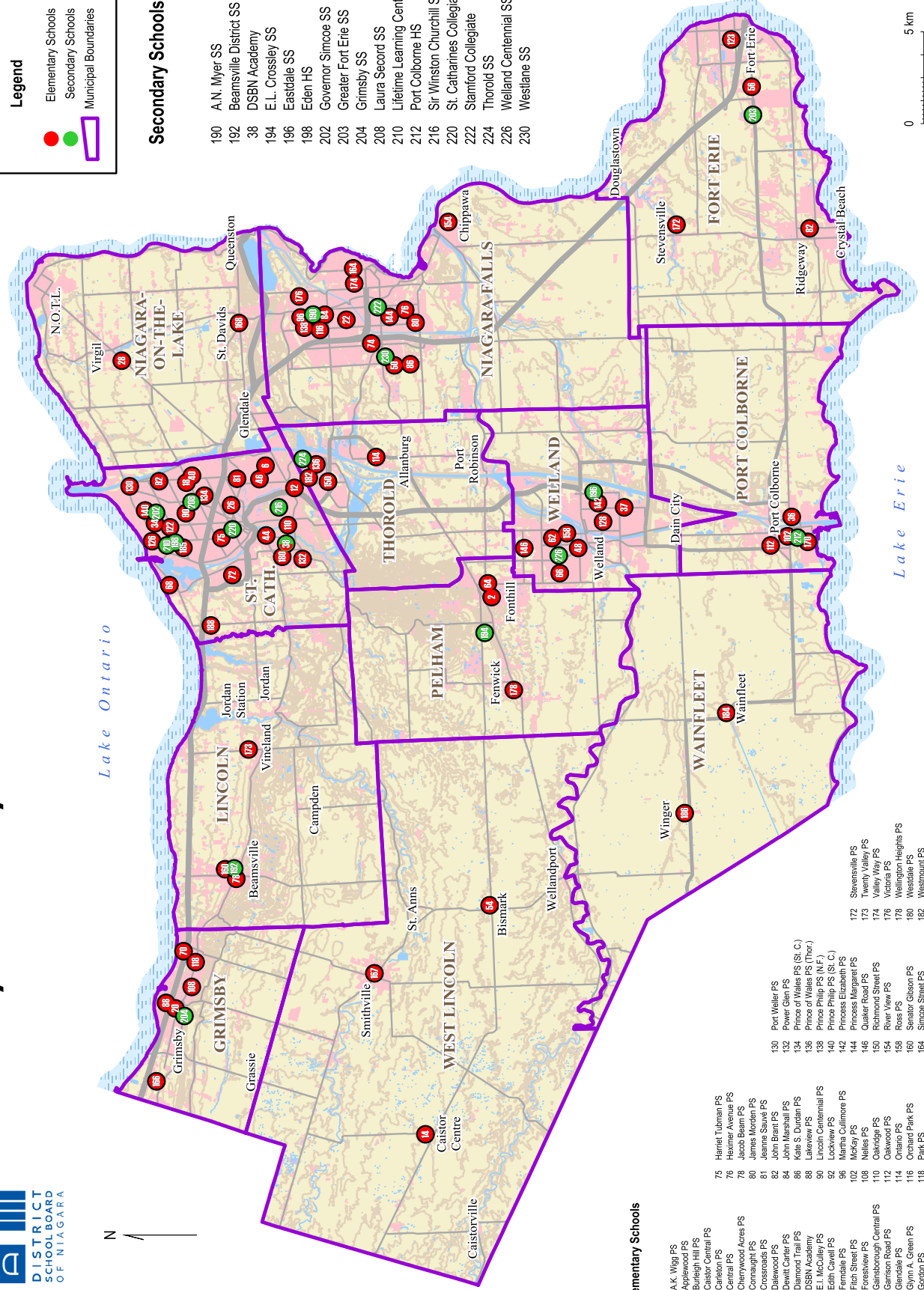
Legend

- Elementary Schools (Red circle)
- Secondary Schools (Green circle)
- Municipal Boundaries (Purple outline)



Secondary Schools

- 190 A.M. Myer SS
- 192 Beamsville District SS
- 38 DSBN Academy
- 194 E.L. Crossley SS
- 196 Eastdale SS
- 198 Eden HS
- 202 Governor Simcoe SS
- 203 Greater Fort Erie SS
- 204 Grimsby SS
- 208 Laura Secord SS
- 210 Lifetime Learning Centre
- 212 Port Colborne HS
- 216 Sir Winston Churchill SS
- 220 St. Catharines Collegiate
- 222 Stamford Collegiate
- 224 Thorold SS
- 226 Welland Centennial SS
- 230 Westlane SS



Elementary Schools

- 2 A.K. Wigg PS
- 6 Appleton PS
- 12 Burleigh Hill PS
- 14 Castle Central PS
- 18 Carleton PS
- 20 Central PS
- 22 Cherrywood Acres PS
- 26 Connaught PS
- 28 Crossroads PS
- 34 Dalewood PS
- 36 Dewitt Carter PS
- 38 DSBN Academy
- 40 E.L. McCullery PS
- 44 Edith Cavell PS
- 46 Fenwick PS
- 50 Fenwick PS
- 54 Gainsborough Central PS
- 56 Garrison Road PS
- 62 Glendale PS
- 64 Glyn A. Green PS
- 66 Gordon PS
- 68 Grassfield PS
- 70 Grand Avenue PS
- 72 Grapeview PS
- 74 Greendale PS
- 75 Harnett Tubman PS
- 76 Heimer Avenue PS
- 78 Jacob Beam PS
- 80 James Morden PS
- 81 Jeanne Sauvé PS
- 84 John Marshall PS
- 86 Kate S. Durden PS
- 88 Lakerew PS
- 90 Lincoln Centennial PS
- 92 Lockview PS
- 96 Maria Colimore PS
- 102 Park Street PS
- 104 Park Street PS
- 108 Park Street PS
- 110 Park Street PS
- 112 Park Street PS
- 114 Park Street PS
- 116 Orchard Park PS
- 118 Park PS
- 122 Pennell PS
- 123 Pease Bridge PS
- 126 Pine Grove PS
- 128 Plymouth PS
- 130 Port Weller PS
- 132 Power Glen PS
- 134 Prince of Wales PS (St. C.)
- 136 Prince of Wales PS (Thor.)
- 138 Prince Philip PS (W.F.)
- 140 Richmond PS
- 142 Princess Elizabeth PS
- 144 Ross PS
- 146 Ross PS
- 150 Richmond Street PS
- 154 River View PS
- 158 Ross PS
- 160 Senator Gibson PS
- 164 Simcoe Street PS
- 166 Smith PS
- 167 Smithville PS
- 168 St. Davids PS
- 170 Steele Street PS
- 172 Stevensville PS
- 174 Valley View PS
- 176 Victoria PS
- 178 Wellington Heights PS
- 180 Westdale PS
- 182 Westmount PS
- 184 William E. Brown PS
- 185 William Hamilton Merritt PS
- 186 Winger PS
- 188 Woodland PS



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ESL-SITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

All DSBN elementary schools offer ESL support; however, there are nine (9) elementary schools that offer comprehensive ESL services for international students with onsite ESL teachers. Students at the beginning stages of learning English are strongly advised to attend one of these schools.



Connaught Public School
St. Catharines
connaught.dsbm.org



Forestview Public School
Niagara Falls
forestview.dsbm.org



Grapeview Public School
St. Catharines
grapeview.dsbm.org



James Morden Public School
Niagara Falls
jamesmorden.dsbm.org



Lincoln Centennial Public School
St. Catharines
lincolncent.dsbm.org



Kate S. Durdan Public School
Niagara Falls
katedurdan.dsbm.org



Crossroads Public School
Niagara-on-the-Lake
crossroads.dsbm.org



Fitch Street Public School
Welland
fitch.dsbm.org



Peace Bridge Public School
Fort Erie
peacebridge.dsbm.org



DSBN ESL-SITE SECONDARY SCHOOL **PROFILES**



School Profiles		St. Catharines Collegiate St. Catharines, ON	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School St. Catharines, ON	Westlane Secondary School Niagara Falls, ON	Welland Centennial Secondary School Welland, ON
		600 2.3% International	1000 6.8% International	700 3.6% International	800 2% International
ATHLETIC TEAMS	Badminton	•	•	•	•
	Baseball		•	•	•
	Basketball		•	•	•
	Cheerleading	•		•	•
	Cross Country	•	•	•	•
	Curling		•	•	•
	Dance	•	•		
	Football	•	•	•	•
	Golf	•	•	•	•
	Hockey	•	•	•	•
	Lacrosse	•	•		•
	Rowing	•	•		•
	Rugby			•	
	Slo-Pitch	•		•	
	Soccer	•	•	•	•
	Swimming		•	•	•
	Tennis		•	•	•
Track & Field	•	•	•	•	
Volleyball	•	•	•	•	
Wrestling	•	•			
STUDENT CLUBS	Arts		•	•	•
	Book		•	•	
	Business (DECA)		•	•	
	Chess	•	•		•
	Dance	•			
	Debate			•	•
	Drama	•	•		•
	Environmental				•
	Knitting		•		
	Math	•		•	
	Music	•	•	•	•
	Robotics/S.T.E.M.	•	•		•
	Rowing			•	
	Ski/Snowboard		•		•
	Student Council	•	•	•	•
	Technology	•	•		•

collegiate.dsbn.org

sirwinston.dsbn.org

westlane.dsbn.org

centennial.dsbn.org



SAMPLE CREDIT COURSE OFFERINGS AT 4 DSBN ESL-SITE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Disipline	Course	St. Catharines Collegiate	Sir Winston Churchill	Westlane	Welland Centennial
ARTS	Dance				•
	Drama	•	•		•
	Music	Vocal, Instrumental, Guitar	Vocal, Instrumental	Vocal, Instrumental	Vocal, Instrumental, Guitar
	Visual Arts	•	•	•	•
BUSINESS	Financial Accounting	•	•	•	•
	Entrepreneurial		•	•	
	Marketing		•		•
	Human Resources			•	
	Leadership		•		•
	International Business	•	•	•	
	Information & Communication	•			•
	Sports & Entertainment Marketing		•	•	
CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES	Geography	•	•	•	•
	History	•	•	•	•
	Law	•	•	•	•
	Canadian & World Issues	•	•	•	•
ENGLISH LANGUAGES		French	French, Latin	French	French, Italian
ESL	Daily ESL credit courses	•	•	•	•
HEALTH & PHYSICAL ED	Recreation & Leadership	•	•		•
	Kinesiology	•	•		•
MATH	Advanced Functions	•	•	•	•
	Calculus & Vectors	•	•	•	•
	Data Management	•	•	•	•
SCIENCE	Biology	•	•	•	•
	Chemistry	•	•	•	•
	Physics	•	•	•	•
	Environmental Studies	•		•	•
SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES	Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology	•	•	•	•
	Challenges and Change in Society	•	•	•	•
	Human Development				•
	Family Studies		•		•
	Fashion			•	
TECHNOLOGY	World Culture		•		
	Communications Technology	•	•	•	•
	Computer Science		•		
	Computer Engineering Technology	•		•	•
	Construction Technology	•		•	•
	Electricity/Network Technology			•	
	Green Industries	•		•	
	Hairstyling	•			
	Heating & Cooling			•	
	Hospitality & Tourism	•			•
	Manufacturing Technology	•		•	
	Multimedia Production	•		•	
	Technological Design	•	•	•	•
Theatre Technology				•	
Transportation Technology	•		•		
INTERDISCIPLINARY CO-OP EDUCATION		•	•	•	•


Notes:


1. Comprehensive ESL Support for international students is offered at the above 4 ESL-site secondary schools. This support may include daily credit-courses which count toward the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), and direct counselling from an ESL teacher expert.
2. ESL Support is available at ALL other DSBN secondary schools in the form of a visiting ESL teacher for students with adequate English skills.
3. All DSBN schools offer a wide range of Academic courses (preparation for university) and Applied courses (preparation for college of applied arts & technology).



PATHWAYS

 Industry Internship Co-op

 Reach Ahead University Credits

 Specialist High Skills Major



PATHWAYS TO LOCAL POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

Niagara Region is located within a 2-hour drive to over 20 post-secondary institutions, including the University of Toronto, the University of Waterloo, McMaster University, Western University, the University of Guelph, York University, etc.



Brock University will enable students currently studying at any one of DSBN's secondary schools to submit the **Brock Internal EPT exam** as proof of English language proficiency. DSBN students who have successfully met the requirements of the Brock Internal EPT exam will be exempt from submitting an English Proficiency Test (EPT) score such as TOEFL, IELTS or MELAB during the application process to **undergraduate studies**. DSBN students must also meet the academic criteria for the program to which they are applying.



FOR ENTRY TO NIAGARA COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS:

65% final mark or higher in ENG 4U
(Grade 12 English – Academic Level)



FOR ENTRY TO NIAGARA COLLEGE DIPLOMA PROGRAMS:

60% final mark or higher in ENG 4U
(Grade 12 English – Academic Level)

OR

60% final mark or higher in ENG 4C
(Grade 12 English – Applied Level)



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES SCHEDULE

FOR NEW AND RETURNING
STUDENTS TO THE DSBN



DSBN fees are effective from September 1, 2019. Fees and policies are subject to change without notice and as published on the DSBN website.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FEES	FULL SCHOOL YEAR (10 MONTHS)	HALF SCHOOL YEAR (5 MONTHS)
For students 14-17 years of age in Grades 9-12 (or under the age of 21 years as of Dec 31 in the final school year)	September - June February - January	September - January February - June
DSBN Non-refundable Application Fee for New Student*	\$250	\$250
DSBN Non-refundable Administrative Fee for Returning Student*	\$150	\$150
DSBN Tuition Fee	\$14,300	\$7,150
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEES	FULL SCHOOL YEAR (10 MONTHS)	HALF SCHOOL YEAR (5 MONTHS)
For students 4-13 years of age in Kindergarten - Grade 8	September - June February - January	September - January February - June
DSBN Non-refundable Application Fee for New Student*	\$250	\$250
DSBN Non-refundable Administrative Fee for Returning Student*	\$150	\$150
DSBN Tuition Fee	\$13,300	\$6,650

REFUND POLICY

Visit dsbn.org/international/fees-schedule for details.

OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Visit dsbn.org/international/fees-schedule for details.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES FEES: HOMESTAY, CUSTODIANSHIP, AIRPORT TRANSFER, HEALTHCARE INSURANCE	FULL SCHOOL YEAR	HALF SCHOOL YEAR
These support services are available through local service providers as a package or as individual services. Some providers also offer student group excursions for additional fees. For student service providers working closely and regularly with the DSBN, please contact the providers below for further details:	Packages from \$11,000	Packages from \$5,500
Regular Student Service Providers in the Niagara Region		Standard Homestay fees range in Niagara: \$850 - \$950 per month
Name Canadian English Scholar Program Inc. Niagara Homestay & Int'l Student Services Hospitalite Canada Ltd. Niagara Education and Business Consulting	Website cespica.net niagarastudentservices.com hospitalitecanada.com niagaraeducation.com	Email ligia_tobon@hotmail.com info@niagarastudentservices.com info@hospitalitecanada.com lei@niagaraeducation.com
If you will <u>not</u> be purchasing Healthcare Insurance through one of the above providers, you may directly contact: Travel Healthcare Insurance Solutions Inc. Ingle International	guard.me studyinsured.com	

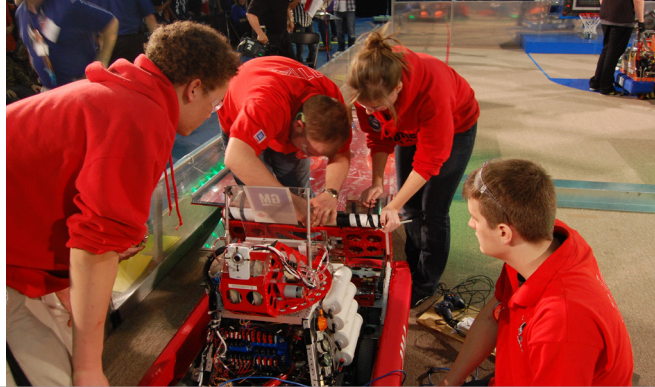
Fees are shown per student in CAD\$. Fees are subject to change without notice.

* Application/Administrative fee is non-refundable in any circumstance including study permit not approved.

The Letter of Acceptance is sent by email. If a 3-day courier service is requested, a \$100 CAD courier fee will apply.

APPLYING

AND ADMISSIONS TO DSBN



STEP 1

Submit Application Form, Transcripts, and Application Fee all together

Obtain International Student Application Form found at dsbn.org/international "HOW TO APPLY" section

Choose school preference (if known); Choose and contact homestay and custodianship provider (if needed)

Submit the following all together:

- Completed application form that is signed by both student and parents
- Official transcripts (school records) in English for the current and previous 2 years (if translated, must be notarized)
- Non-refundable \$250 CAD application fee

STEP 2

Receive Pre-acceptance Letter, Pay full Tuition Fees, Receive Letter of Acceptance

DSBN reviews applications. If approved, DSBN issues Pre-acceptance letter

Student pays full tuition fees

DSBN issues Letter of Acceptance (LOA) that indicates fees paid

STEP 3

Apply for Canadian Study Permit, Schedule a Registration Appointment with DSBN

Submit your Study Permit application with DSBN LOA

Once study permit is approved, contact the DSBN Welcome Centre (by calling 905-641-1550 Ext. 54152 or by email at welcomecentre@dsbn.org) to schedule a registration appointment for time of arrival

STEP 4

Arrive and Register at the DSBN Welcome Centre

If possible, arrive in the Niagara Region 1-2 weeks prior to the start of a new semester

Attend your scheduled appointment at the Welcome Centre for school registration and documentation review, an English assessment, and school placement confirmation

Bring the following required documents to your appointment:

- Valid Passport, Study Permit and Visa (if applicable)
- Letter of Acceptance from DSBN that indicates fees paid
- Official transcripts/school records for current and previous 2 years, in English (if translated, must be notarized)
- Proof of healthcare insurance coverage (for period of study) effective in Canada. It is the student's/family's/custodian's responsibility to purchase and maintain adequate insurance while studying at the DSBN
- Up-to-date immunization records in English: dsbn.org/international/forms
- Notarized Custodial documents (page 1 and 2) from parents in home country and Canadian guardian for all students under 18 years of age (if parents are not in Canada)

STEP 5

Go to School to Register and Start Classes

After attending the Welcome Centre, visit your designated school to register, as directed

For secondary student, meet with the Academic Guidance Counsellor to discuss your course selections and receive a school timetable.

EXPERIENCE



**WORLD FAMOUS TOURIST
DESTINATIONS AND ATTRACTIONS**



BIG CITY AMENITIES

NIAGARA, ONTARIO, CANADA

Location of the Niagara Region

The DSBN is located in the heart of the Niagara Region, home to the world famous Niagara Falls in southern Ontario.

Attractions of the Niagara Region

Visitors from around the globe come to view the magnificent Canadian and American Falls and to experience the natural geographic beauty of the area. These include two of the mighty Great Lakes and the Welland Canal system. There are large expanses of natural areas that play host to a wide variety of outdoor activities: hockey and ice skating in the winter; tapping maple trees in the spring; hiking nature trails in the autumn; and camping and canoeing in the summer. The Niagara Region is an hour's drive to the world class city of Toronto, which has many cultural and educational attractions for all ages.

The Niagara Region also has:

- Historic sites and museums rich in Canadian, British and American history
- Beautiful sandy beaches along Lake Erie
- The Niagara Escarpment - a UNESCO biosphere reserve
- Many churches of various faiths
- Accessible public transit system
- High quality hospitals and health care services
- Multicultural and community services
- Outlet shopping centres
- Niagara College of Applied Arts & Technology: one of Canada's most enterprising

Climate of the Niagara Region

The Niagara Region is more moderate than in many parts of Canada due to its southern-most latitude. The summer is hot and humid, the fall is cool and colourful, the winter is mild with frequent snow-fall accumulations, and the spring is warm and wet.

More Information About Niagara

For more information about the Niagara Region, please visit:

www.niagarafallstourism.com

www.infoniagara.com

www.niagararegion.ca

www.brocku.ca

www.niagaracollege.ca

Contact DSBN

International Education:

international@dsbn.org

+1 (905) 641-2929 ext. 54181 or 54176

Welcome Centre:

welcomecentre@dsbn.org

+1 (905) 641-2929 ext. 54152

CANADA

Ontario



* Denotes Niagara Region

A Reminder of Benefits of studying at DSBN:

- A safe, less stressful and picturesque environment in which to live and study; known worldwide for the famous Niagara Falls
- High quality of education with pathways to post-secondary study
- Customized study plan for each individual student
- Competitive tuition fees and an affordable cost of living
- Classrooms with 85-99% native-English speaking students providing a true immersion environment; comprehensive ESL support
- High level of student support from school personnel, homestay families, and custodian
- A wide variety of free school-sponsored sports teams and clubs
- Free transportation to and from school to access our designated ESL programs
- Quick access to the world-class city of Toronto in Canada and right on the border with New York State, USA

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Ontario Association of School Districts International
Association Ontarienne des Conseils Scolaires - International

