

### Quick Facts: Education

1. There is no discrimination because of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, gender, sexual orientation, handicap and family status.
2. School attendance is obligatory. The law requires students who are between six and 16 years of age to attend school.
3. Grade placement is determined by the age, not by the grade the student completed in his country of origin.
4. The law requires the teacher to inform the organization in your community that is responsible for protecting children (called the Catholic Children's Aid Society or Family and Children's Services) when a school staff member observes signs that someone may be abusing, mistreating or neglecting a child or if a student reports that something bad is happening to him or her,
5. Grades 3 and 6 students have to write standardized tests that are produced by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).
6. Grades 9 and 10 students will make the choice between academic and applied courses primarily on the basis of their strengths, interests and needs. It is important to note that students planning to attend university or a similar post secondary institution must prepare by taking most of their courses in the academic stream.

For more information, check: [www.settlement.org/edguide](http://www.settlement.org/edguide)

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*A Community of Faith*



*With Heart in Charity*



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*Faith, Hope & Charity*

The official symbol of the Toronto Catholic District School Board combines the **cross**, the **anchor**, and the **heart** representing the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.

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## *Mabuhay ang Pilipino!*

## *Welcome to Toronto's Catholic Schools!*

## *FREE...*



## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

**A. Filipino International Languages Classes:** Offered every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You can join classes anytime.

**Schools:**

**Holy Family:** 141 Close Ave., M6K 2V6 (416-393-5212)

**St. Brendan:** 186 Centennial Rd., M1C 1Z9 (416-393-5359)

**St. Barnabas:** 30 Washburn Way, M1B 1H3 (416-393-5351)

**St. Maria Goretti:** 21 Kenmark Blvd., M1K 3N8 (416-393-5260)

**St. Barbara:** 25 Janray Drive, M1G 1Y2 (416-393-5374)

**B. Filipino Community Relations Officer:** The Community Relations Officer for the Filipinos is Jodelyn Huang. The CRO liaises with different agencies who have programs on study group, homework club, youth mentoring, culture understanding and other services for Filipinos. As well, she facilitates enrolment, counsels on matters relating to cultural differences, orients newcomers about the Catholic education system, acts as resource person about Filipino culture, coordinates and links activities among schools, parents, students, parish and the community. She can be reached at 416-222-8282 ext. 6219 or at 416-393-5770.

**C. International Languages:** 21 International Languages are offered by TCDSB; some on an extended basis, some after school, and some on Saturdays.

**D. French Immersion Program:** The Board has five programs for teaching French as a second Language.

**E. Child Care Services/Centres:** Childcare resources to parents are provided in many schools. Call David Letra at 416-222-8282, ext 2687.

**F. Breakfast Clubs:** Breakfast Clubs operate before school and provide children with a warm place to go on a cold morning and a nutritious breakfast. For more information, call 416-222-8282, ext 2687.

**G. Before and/or After School Programs:** This is available for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years whose parents are looking for partial care.

**H. Intergenerational Programs:** Mutually beneficial interaction activities between young and old. For information, call Lita Gonzalez-Dickey at 416-222-8282 ext 2286.

**I. Interpreting/Translation:** Offered for parents during parent-teacher interviews. For information, call Enir Bassani at 416-222-8282 ext 2586.

**J. Orientation Centre:** Placement center for new Canadian secondary school students at 783 Bathurst Street, Toronto, 416-393-5500.

**K. Community use of schools:** School facilities are available to community groups for use after regular school hours. For information, call 416-222-8282, ext 4370.

**L. School Bus:** School bus is provided for free for elementary students (from junior kindergarten through grade 8) who live more than 1.5 kilometres from the nearest school if 30 or more students require transportation.

ADMISSIONS/IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS			
A quick reference guide. Admissions & Placement Department, 416-222-8282 ext. 5320			
CATEGORY	DOCUMENTS	REGISTRATION GUIDELINES	RESPONSIBILITY
Children who are Landed Immigrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Landing issued to individuals from other countries who apply for and qualify to come to Canada as permanent residents</li> <li>New as of June 2002, Confirmation of Landing or Permanent Resident Card (PMC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Box #45, 46, &amp; 47 on the Record of Landing must be filled in by an Immigration Officer at the port of entry to be validated</li> <li>Each family member has his/her own Record of Landing or Confirmation of Landing or Permanent Resident Card</li> </ul>	School
Children born abroad to Landed Immigrants or Permanent Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent's Record of Landing or Confirmation of Landing or PMC</li> <li>Child's foreign birth certificate and/or passport</li> <li>Study Permit issued from Citizenship and Immigration Canada</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer family to Admissions &amp; Placement Department to set up an appointment (ext. 2383)</li> <li>If everything is in order, then the family will return to the school with an acceptance letter from the Admissions &amp; Placement Department</li> </ul>	Admissions & Placement Department
Children born abroad to Canadian-born citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent's Canadian birth certificate and Canadian passport</li> <li>Child's foreign birth certificate and/or foreign passport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a parent is a Canadian-born citizen, then his/her children have all the same rights as children born in Canada</li> </ul>	School
Non-Canadian Stepchildren of Landed Immigrants or Canadian citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step-parent's Record of Landing or Canadian citizenship</li> <li>Child's foreign passport</li> <li>Marriage certificate between parent of child and Landed or Canadian step-parent</li> <li>Study Permit for child issued from Citizenship and Immigration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer family to Admissions &amp; Placement Department to set up an appointment (ext. 2383)</li> <li>If everything is in order, then the family will return to the school with an acceptance letter from this department</li> </ul>	Admissions & Placement Department
Refugee Claimants or those deemed Convention Refugees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Brown &amp; beige" Refugee papers for the entire family (with a photo) from Citizenship &amp; Immigration Canada...Consideration of Eligibility under Subsection 100.(1) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.</li> <li>Those deemed Convention refugees will have a paper from Immigration &amp; Citizenship stating that they have been found to be Convention Refugees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer family to Admissions &amp; Placement Department to set up an appointment (ext. 2531)</li> <li>If everything is in order, then the family will return to the school with an acceptance letter from this department</li> </ul>	Admissions & Placement Department
Canadian born children or those who become Canadian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canadian birth certificate or Canadian passport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration with either Canadian birth certificate or passport along with all other necessary documents such as Catholic baptismal cert., immunization records and proof of address</li> </ul>	School
Visitor to Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign Passports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals and dependents that come to Canada on a Visitor Record are NOT eligible to attend school without payment of fees</li> </ul>	Refer any questions to the Admissions & Placement Department
Parent and child who are not Canadian citizens, nor Landed Immigrants and who have no proof of legal immigration status in Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student and parent have no valid documents from Citizenship and Immigration Canada confirming legal status in Canada</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer family to Admissions &amp; Placement Department to set up an appointment (ext. 2383)</li> <li>If everything is in order, then the family will return to the school with an acceptance letter from this department</li> </ul>	Admissions & Placement Department
Dependents of a non-resident parent with a Study Permit who is enrolled full time at a university	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign passports for the entire family</li> <li>Study Permit for the parent attending university</li> <li>The parent is a graduate student who is the recipient of an award approved by the Minister of Education...and who is in attendance at an Ontario university (*)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer family to Admissions &amp; Placement Department to set up an appt. (ext. 2383)</li> <li>If the parent is only on a Study Permit, the child will be considered a foreign student and charged the annual gross fee</li> <li>If the parent is a recipient of an award (*), the annual gross fee is not charged</li> </ul>	Admissions & Placement Department