



International *Student program*

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Welcome to the Eastern Townships School Board's International Student Program. Our school district is renown for providing an outstanding 21st century education to our students. Whether you come for a full-year or short-term stay to improve your English/French, learn about a new culture, or prepare for University, we will offer you a rewarding learning experience and the chance to establish friendships and connections world-wide.

The Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) covers a territory that includes some of the most beautiful countryside in Quebec and Canada. We are located 100 kilometers east of Montreal, surrounded by lakes and mountains that promote a wide variety of outdoor opportunities, such as skiing, hiking, water sports and much more. Our schools are situated in rural and sub-urban settings that offer safe and secure learning environments.

We have 28 schools and centres distributed throughout our district. We offer programs in primary education (kindergarten to grade 6, ages 6 to 12); secondary education (grades 7 to 11, ages 12 to 17); adult education (ages 16+); and vocational training (ages 16+).

In studying at the ETSB, you will live and learn in a dynamic bilingual environment while staying with an established Canadian family, ensuring that you benefit from a true cultural experience.

Come be a part of the innovation that our top-quality education has to offer; all within the inviting environment of the Eastern Townships. We look forward to welcoming you amongst us!

Experience the journey of a lifetime





Our Programs

As a leader in the use of technology in the classrooms of public schools in Canada, the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) ensures that critical skills in languages (English and French), mathematics, science and technology are developed. The ETSB also provides free access to cutting-edge technology for students at the ele-

mentary and secondary levels. Our curriculum is ranked amongst the top five world-wide, according to the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA).

Our schools offer a wide range of programs designed for your specific needs and interests. We offer concentrations in sports, fine arts, drama, music and dance, as well as outdoor

education and leadership options that challenge you to achieve your full potential, academically, physically and socially.

Our schools are well equipped with facilities that include gymnasiums and sports arenas, libraries, auditoriums, full-service cafeterias and specialized rooms, such as: science laboratories, multi-media rooms, woodworking &

printing facilities, art & music rooms and cooking/sewing amenities.

Our students are provided with hands-on learning opportunities through a socio-constructivist approach, where teachers guide you in developing 21st century skills, thus promoting creativity and critical thinking through research, communication and collaboration.

An education for YOU and YOUR future





Extra- Curricular Activities

Our schools also provide you with opportunities to participate in a variety of extra-curricular clubs, travel and sports, where you can enjoy fun and educational moments with your new friends.

Activities include: sports teams (football, soccer, cross-country running, swimming, tennis, hockey, basketball, golf, etc.), robotics, student newspaper, peer tutoring, languages, music, drama, dance, and much more!

Each year, educational outings are offered through our schools to various locations, such as Boston, New York and Stratford. Our International Student department also organizes trips for you to various Canadian landmarks, such as Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec City and/or Toronto/Niagara Falls.

Take a peek at our facebook page to follow the many events that our current international students are participating in throughout the year!



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Doing what you love, loving what you do!



Homestay Families

Homestay families are chosen based upon their desire to host a visiting student and their ability to provide a safe, caring, comfortable home that ensures a positive cultural experience for you.

The International Student Program (ISP)'s homestay coordinator is responsible for fully screening families. You

will be provided with a furnished room and three nutritious meals a day within a wholesome environment. You will be matched based on common interests and will be invited to participate in day-to-day activities as a new member of the family.

Your homestay coordinator will also visit you on a regular basis, to ensure

that you are adapting well into your new environment.

"We can not imagine a greater gift than the gift of love and that is exactly what we give and receive in return with each child... It has been a wonderful learning experience for our entire family, we have grown as individuals and our family has become even closer. Sha-

ring our home, our life and our culture with these students brings us to appreciate the differences in the cultures of our world. We truly believe that our lives have been enriched by each and every student that has become one of our own during their stay and will forever be a cherished member of our family."

- Martin & Sandra, host parents



Opening our hearts and homes to the world



Short-Term Programs

The ETSB offers tailor-made, short-term (1-month) programs to school-groups who wish to provide a unique bilingual language immersion experience (English/French) for their students.

Students attend our schools during the day, where they will be immersed in classrooms with their Canadian peers, allowing them the opportunity to collaborate on multi-cultural projects and develop life-long friendships.

Students live at a residence in the heart of the Eastern Townships. Residence-living allows them the opportunity to be exposed to experiential learning opportunities in and out of the classroom. Under the supervision of chaperones and an activities coordinator, they participate in a myriad of activities, including swimming, bowling, sleigh rides, curling, arts and crafts, skating, hiking, local festivals, skiing, snowshoeing and/or seasonal cultural activities (i.e. apple picking, maple syrup making, etc.)*. They also participate in local city discovery trips and overnight excursions to Canadian landmarks.

** Activities may vary depending on the time of year groups are attending.*



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