

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Elementary School
- High School
- University Preparation

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

- Academic English
- After-school Programs
- Summer Study

#### GROUP PROJECTS

- English Immersion
- Teacher Training
- Summer Programs

The Ottawa-Carleton Education Network is affiliated with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) and represents the OCDSB internationally.

## OTTAWA – CANADA'S CAPITAL CITY

### A Place to Learn

Ottawa, the nation's capital, is a showcase for Canadian history and culture, and a leading centre for education, high technology, life sciences, medical sciences and biotechnology. The reputation of its universities and colleges attracts students from across Canada and from around the world.

### More reasons to study in Ottawa

- Friendly, fun and family-oriented community
- Bilingual community (English and French)
- Opportunity to attend post-secondary institutions located in the area
- Many outdoor activities within 15 minutes of downtown (snow-boarding, biking, canoeing, etc.)
- World-class hospitals
- Over 100 embassies and diplomatic missions
- 29 museums, including 12 exhibiting national treasures
- Fourth largest metropolitan area in Canada
- More than 1000 high-technology companies
- Availability of multicultural/multilingual resources
- Ottawa hosts 60 festivals a year

### Getting to Ottawa

Ottawa is easy to reach. The Macdonald-Cartier International Airport is just 20 minutes from downtown. The airport offers daily non-stop flights to major cities, including New York, Chicago, Toronto and Vancouver, as well as direct service to London's Heathrow Airport.

For more information on Ottawa visit:  
[www.ottawaregion.com](http://www.ottawaregion.com)



## HOMESTAY

To be successful in school, it is important that students have a stable, caring and comfortable home life.

The goal of the homestay program therefore is to provide students with a home-away-from-home by placing them with families who:

- provide a friendly, nurturing and supportive environment
- encourage and take an interest in the student's life and school work
- enjoy sharing their lifestyle and culture with others

Each of our host families is visited and interviewed by the homestay coordinator and undergoes a background check. The homestay coordinator monitors students throughout their stay and provides support to both students and host families.



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# Study in Ottawa

CANADA'S CAPITAL



We Welcome  
**THE WORLD**



Canada –  
beautiful in all its  
seasons



## OTTAWA-CARLETON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (OCDSB)

The OCDSB prides itself on being a leader in education in Canada and has set a standard of excellence for other schools to follow. Approximately 80 percent of OCDSB graduates enter post-secondary institutions. OCDSB students have distinguished them-selves at colleges and universities throughout Canada and around the world.

The OCDSB is part of the government of Ontario's public school system and serves students within the City of Ottawa. Approximately 65,000 students attend OCDSB day schools and programs. These programs range from Junior Kindergarten to Adult Education. In addition to English and French as a Second Language programs, the Board offers a wide range of services to meet the needs of its students.

### SCHOOLS

There are over 145 schools in the OCDSB. These include:

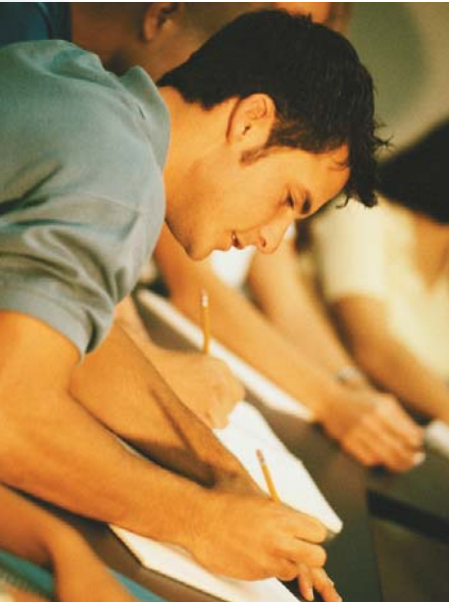
- Elementary schools, including intermediate schools and special education centres
- Secondary schools, including an adult high school

In addition the Board operates five alternate program sites and a variety of other programs including:

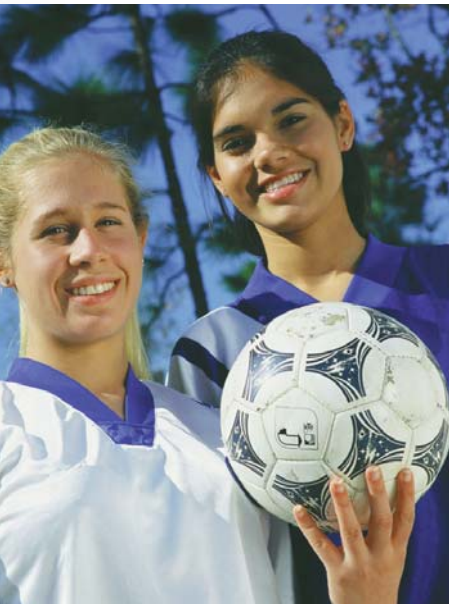
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- International Languages (IL)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- General Interest offerings



Ottawa has plenty of excitement to offer students all year long!



International students coming to study in the OCDSB can choose an educational path that best suits their interests and academic goals.



Students can make Canadian friends by joining one of the many sports or activity clubs in their school.



## OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS (OISP)

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### Elementary (kindergarten to grade 8)

Children living in Ottawa with parents or relatives may attend one of OCDSB's 120 elementary schools. International students in grade 8 (13 years old) may live with a Canadian family arranged by Canada Homestay International. Students must have a B average or higher to attend our program. Extra English instruction while attending regular classes is available through our English as a Second Language program.

### High School Graduation

Students can complete high school in Ontario and earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Schools offer three types of courses: academic courses, applied courses and open courses.

### University/College Preparation

In the senior grades, courses offered to prepare students for post-secondary destinations include: university preparation courses, college preparation courses and workplace preparation courses.

### Canadian Cultural and Academic Experience

International students may take courses for one or two semesters as part of a Canadian cultural learning experience and/or to develop their English language skills.

### English as a Second Language (ESL)

For students from non-English-speaking countries, several high schools offer ESL instruction at four stages of language proficiency. In addition to learning English, students follow the regular academic program. Students at the secondary level can earn credits for successfully completing ESL courses.

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Guidance and counselling services in each secondary school provide counselling, instruction and support.

- Educational counselling and instruction
- Career counselling and instruction
- Personal counselling
- Language/cultural support

In addition to these school support services, the OISP Academic Coordinator provides ongoing academic support and assistance for international students.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer programs for international students are available for students 9 years and older.



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# A Standard of EXCELLENCE

