

International Student Summer Credit Program

July/August 2025

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Program Length & Duration

This program is for ESL international students who are at a beginner to intermediate level of English and want to improve their use of English.

- 4-week, 110 hour, intensive program (100% participation is mandatory)
- 8:45 am to 3:30 pm, daily
- July 21 to August 15, 2025

Who is Eligible?

- Age 14 to 18, entering Grade 9 to 12
- New international students attending YRDSB secondary schools beginning September
- New international students to Ontario attending non-YRDSB secondary school (short-term visitors or enrolled in private/public school)
- Beginner and intermediate English level participants
- Students must be able to begin on the first day of class, and attend each day for the entire duration of the program

PAL English test results will confirm initial course eligibility; however, a formal, face-to-face English assessment will take place to confirm prerequisites. If the student does not meet the prerequisite noted, YRDSB will place the student in an alternate, appropriate course.

Program Fee

Includes registration, program fee, medical insurance and an excursion.

- \$1,980 Non-YRDSB Students
- \$1,300 new YRDSB student beginning school in September

Location

TBD (to be determined)

The office of International Education Services will be moving during the summer months and the exact date is unknown; therefore, the program may take place at either the [Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning](#) (current location) or [Dr. GW Williams Secondary School](#) (new location).

HOMESTAY

[Homestay](#) is available and strongly encouraged. Visit the website for homestay options.

If not selecting one of the YRDSB approved homestay providers, students must live in a home environment with parents, immediate family, or family friends. An emergency contact, who will be responsible for the student's well-being and care while they are in Canada and participating in the program is required.

ASSESSMENT

Each non-YRDSB participant is required to complete the PAL online English assessment prior to the start of the program. An email inviting the student to access the online tutorial and English assessment will be sent upon acceptance to the program.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

ESL Level 1 (AO)

This course builds on students' previous education and language knowledge to introduce them to the English language. Students will use beginning English language skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing for everyday and essential academic purposes. The course also provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to begin to adapt to their new lives in Canada.

ESL Level 2 (BO)

This course extends students' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills for everyday and academic purposes. Students will participate in conversations in structured situations, read a variety of texts designed or adapted for English language learners, expand their knowledge of English grammatical structures and sentence patterns, and link English sentences to compose paragraphs.

ESL Level 3 (CO)

This course further extends students' skills in English. Students will make short classroom oral presentations, read a variety of adapted and original texts in English, and write using a variety of text forms. As well, students will expand their academic vocabulary and their skills to facilitate their transition to the mainstream school program.

ESL Level 4 (DO)

This course prepares students to use English with increasing fluency and accuracy in classroom and social situations. They will extend listening and speaking skills through participation in discussions and seminars, study and interpret a variety of grade-level texts, write narratives, articles and summaries in English, and respond critically to a variety of print and media texts.



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