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WHY PRIVATE SCHOOL?

Over the past few decades, Canadian families have been increasingly exploring education options outside of the public school system. In 1970, only 2.5% of Canadian students attended private school; in 1998, that number had risen to 6%. Parents are increasingly interested in more individualized, specialized curriculum options for their children, and the options available to them are becoming increasingly diverse.

Private schools come in a variety of shapes and sizes—from traditional boarding and day schools to single-gender schools, Montessori programs, French Immersion schools, schools with specific religious affiliations, and schools catering to Special Needs students. These schools have the ability to set their own independent curriculum and to limit enrolment. With smaller average class sizes than most public schools, private schools often put a greater emphasis on individualized instruction and programming.

Admissions to the most selective private schools can be quite competitive. Students

MOST SELECTIVE PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE GREATER TORONTO AREA

Appleby College
 Bishop Strachan School
 Branksome Hall
 Crescent School
 Havergal College
 Upper Canada College
 University of Toronto Schools

are often required to write the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) and submit transcripts, reference letters, and personal questionnaires. Students are often asked to come for an interview so the admissions officers can evaluate personality as well as academic potential. Schools look for not only strong grades and test scores, but also passion, commitment, and enthusiasm for the private school program.

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS

INTRODUCTION

“THERE ARE ABOUT 1,700 PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN CANADA, AND CLOSE TO 200 IN THE GTA ALONE”

Recent studies estimate that there are about 1,700 private schools in Canada and close to 200 private schools in the Greater Toronto Area alone. For parents trying to find the best fit for their children, the sheer number and variety of options present can be daunting.

Families searching for the best match should take into account not only the school’s academic reputation, but also its type or affiliation, size, tuition, extra-curricular programs, and

campus environment. Families may want to consider single-gender vs. co-ed schools and the possibility of boarding programs. There are many different types of private schools, from traditional boarding and day schools to French Immersion schools, Montessori schools, Special Needs schools, and schools with specific religious affiliations. This booklet will introduce families to the various types of private schools available.

PRIVATE VS. INDEPENDENT?

“THE TERM ‘INDEPENDENT’ CLASSIFIES A NON-PROFIT PRIVATE SCHOOL”

The term “private school” is an umbrella term for any school that charges tuition fees and is operated by individuals and groups outside of the public education system. Many private schools are for-profit organizations.

The term “independent” classifies a private school that is run as a non-profit organization and is often overseen by a board of trustees. In many provinces, independent schools receive a certain amount of public funding and are accredited either by a government body or an affiliated organization. Accreditation provides a third-party reference that the school meets certain standards.

Some accreditation organizations for independent and private schools include:

- The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS), an organization serving boarding schools in the US, Canada, and abroad
- Standards in Excellence and Learning Canada (SEAL), a national organization of independent schools that combines the former Canadian Association of Independent Schools and the Canadian Educational Standards Institute
- The Round Square, a worldwide association of more than 70 schools in Canada and abroad with a curriculum emphasis on community service and exchange programs
- The Canadian Council of Montessori Administrators (CCMA), an organization of Montessori schools across Canada
- The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), an accrediting organization for Christian schools in Canada, the US, and abroad
- The Conference of Independent Schools of Ontario (CIS) and the Ontario Federation of Independent Schools (OFIS), two organizations serving independent schools in Ontario

SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOLS

Many private schools offer the opportunity for students to learn in a single-gender environment. All-girls and all-boys schools design their curricula to meet the specific learning needs and different learning styles of growing girls and boys. Students are able to learn in an encouraging environment without the distraction of the opposite sex.

The National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS) is an organization of all-girls schools in Canada, the US, and abroad. NCGS holds its member schools to a high standard in developing curricula that address the specific learning styles of girls— which, the organization argues, may not be well-suited to a traditionally male-based education model. All-girls schools cite their ability to not only boost girls' interest in subjects such as math and science, but also build confidence in public speaking and leader-

ship roles. Some all-girls schools in the Greater Toronto Area include Bishop Strachan School, Branksome Hall, Havergal College, St. Clement's School, and St. Mildred's Lightbourn School.

The International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC) is an international organization of all-boys schools. IBSC advocates programs that cater to the specific developmental needs of boys, who may mature later when compared to their female peers. All-boys schools offer academic curricula tailored to boys' learning styles, often with strong extracurricular, athletic, and leadership opportunities. Some all-boys schools in the Greater Toronto Area include Crescent School, Royal St. George's College, St. Andrew's College, St. Michael's College School, and Upper Canada College.

TOP ALL-GIRLS SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

- *Bishop Strachan School*
- *Branksome Hall*
- *Havergal College*
- *St. Clement's School*

TOP ALL-BOYS SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

- *Crescent School*
- *St. Andrew's College*
- *Upper Canada College*

BOARDING SCHOOLS

Boarding schools are institutions that provide an on-campus residence for faculty and students. Often referred to as "prep schools," these were once exclusive, elite college preparatory schools for wealthy families. Today, there are many very affordable options and a wide variety of boarding school types— from traditional college preparatory schools to Military, Special Needs, and International schools.

Boarding schools function as educational institutions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and thus offer a vibrant array of extra-curricular and campus activities. Students learn to live away from home and gain the skills and responsibility to assert their own independence. With many teachers also in residence, after-school tutoring is easily accessible. Most schools have on-campus counsellors to help with personal and academic guidance.

The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) oversees and advocates for nearly 300 boarding schools internationally. According to a 2004 survey of more than 2,700 boarding school students, many old myths about boarding schools no longer hold true. Boarding schools are no longer homogenous; many have thriving international student populations. Boarding schools are not for "troubled teens" only; 60% of students enrolled because of the promise of a better education.

Some schools offering boarding programs in the Greater Toronto Area include Appleby College, Bishop Strachan School, Branksome Hall, Havergal College, Lakefield College School, Pickering College, Ridley College, St. Andrew's College, Trafalgar Castle School, Trinity College School, and Upper Canada College.

TOP BOARDING SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

- *Appleby College*
- *Bishop Strachan School*
- *Branksome Hall*
- *Havergal College*
- *Lakefield College School*
- *Pickering College*
- *Ridley College*
- *St. Andrew's College*
- *Upper Canada College*

FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOLS

SOME FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

- *La Citadelle International Academy of Arts and Sciences*
- *Lycée Français de Toronto*
- *The Giles School*
- *Toronto French Montessori*
- *Toronto French School*

French language schools offer complete or partial French immersion, allowing students to acquire an understanding of and fluency in the French language from an early age. In full French immersion programs, all courses are taught in French and students interact in French with their classmates and instructors. Many French immersion schools are certified by the Ministry of Education from France, and students have the option to take the Brevet des Collèges, a French National fluency exam.

French immersion schools believe that a bilingual education not only makes available a variety of opportunities for work and further study, but also enhances cognitive development when

studied from a young age. French immersion programs additionally broaden students' cultural perspectives by exposing them to French literature, art, and history.

French immersion programs in the Greater Toronto Area are offered through both the public school system and several private schools, including the Discovery Academy, the Karas French Immersion School, La Citadelle International Academy of Arts and Sciences, Lycée Français de Toronto, the Mississauga Christian French School, The Giles School, Toronto French Montessori, and the Toronto French School.

FAITH-BASED SCHOOLS

SOME FAITH-BASED SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

- *De La Salle College "Oaklands" (Catholic)*
- *Holy Trinity School (Christian)*
- *Islamic Foundation School (Islamic)*
- *Jaamiah Ajax (Islamic)*
- *St. Michael's College School (Catholic)*
- *Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (Jewish)*
- *Yeshivot Bnei Akiva (Jewish)*

Faith-based schools have a specific religious affiliation and offer both an academic and religious education. These schools aim to integrate faith-based principles into everyday education and to give students a more comprehensive understanding of their faith. In many cases, morning prayers, religion classes, and religious services are part of the daily curriculum.

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), Christian Schools International (CSI), and the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS) are three organizations that represent private Christian schools in Canada and abroad. In addition to public Catholic schools, there are numerous private Catholic schools in the Greater Toronto Area, including De La Salle College "Oaklands," Holy Name of Mary College School, St. Michael's College School, and Villanova College. Today, these schools rarely require students or parents to profess the Roman Catholic faith, and students with other religious affiliations are usually able to attend. There are also many private Christian schools in the Protestant tradition, many

with a specific denominational affiliation such as Mennonite, Baptist, or Adventist. Some Christian private schools in the Greater Toronto Area include King's Christian Collegiate, Holy Trinity School, and the Yorkland School.

Jewish private schools offer a Jewish curriculum as part of a day school setting, including Hebrew instruction and Judaic study courses. Some schools are cross-denominational, while others are specifically Orthodox, Reform, etc. Some Jewish private schools in the Greater Toronto Area include the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, Bialik Hebrew Day School, the Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, and Yeshivot Bnei Akiva.

Islamic private schools provide an Islamic-based curriculum that incorporates Arabic instruction and study of the Qu'ran. Some Islamic private schools in the Greater Toronto Area include the Islamic Foundation School, ISNA High School, Jaamiah Ajax, Madinatul Uloom Academy, and Madresatul Banaat Almuslimaat.

MONTESSORI SCHOOLS

The Montessori method and philosophy was formed through the research and theories of Maria Montessori in the early 1900s. The Montessori method replaces the traditional lecture-based model with a more hands-on, self-directed approach to education. In the role of “observer” or “guide,” the teacher facilitates the students to direct their own learning within an environment adapted to their developmental needs. The Montessori method does not believe in the traditional method of performance evaluation through letters or numerical grades.

The Canada Council of Montessori Administrators (CCMA) represents Canadian Montessori schools and is responsible for certifying that its member schools meet the standards of an authentic Montessori program. Montessori teachers undergo rigorous training through an accrediting institute such as the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). Several Montessori schools in the Greater Toronto Area include Toronto Montessori Schools, Toronto French Montessori, J. Addison School, Central Montessori Schools, Cornerstone Montessori Prep School, and Tall Pines School.

SOME MONTESSORI SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

- *J. Addison School*
- *Tall Pines School*
- *Toronto French Montessori*
- *Toronto Montessori Schools*

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOLS

Special Needs schools provide alternative education for students with a physical, mental, behavioural, or learning disabilities. A team of teachers and counsellors works with each student to design an individualized curriculum based on the student’s academic and developmental needs. Instructors are trained to address the needs of students with ADHD, dyslexia, autism, Asperger’s Syndrome, and other learning difficulties. They aim to foster both

academic and personal growth, and to provide a strong foundation for further study, work, and community life.

SPECTRA is an organization of Special Needs and specialized education schools in Southern Ontario. Several Special Needs schools in the Greater Toronto Area include the Arrowsmith School, the Brighton School, Exceptional Learning Centre, Kohai Educational Centre, Oakwood Academy, and the Pinehurst School.

SOME SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

- *Arrowsmith School*
- *Exceptional Learning Centre*
- *Kohai Educational Centre*
- *Oakwood Academy*

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCHOOLS (UTS)

University of Toronto Schools (UTS) is a co-independent secondary school that provides a curriculum tailored to the needs of high-achieving students from grades 7-12. Located on the St. George Campus of the University of Toronto, the school provides access to Robarts Library and other University of Toronto facilities. Virtually all UTS graduates are admitted to highly selective colleges and universities in Canada, the United States, and abroad.

Admission to UTS is based on high academic achievement and overall performance. Finan-

cial support is provided through a substantial bursary fund, which allows UTS to have relatively lower tuition than many other highly selective private schools. Due to the sheer number of applicants it receives every year, UTS has the most competitive admissions process in the GTA, requiring students to go through two stages of standardized testing and interviews. The admissions rate is about 18%; out of roughly 600 applicants, 110 are admitted every year. Further details about the UTS admissions process can be found in the application section of this booklet.

HOW TO APPLY

PARTS OF THE APPLICATION

ENTRY YEARS

- Grade 7
- Grade 9

Most schools accept the majority of their students into Grades 7 and/or 9. Admissions rates into other grades are much lower and based on space available.

Application Form and Fee

Most schools require families to complete an application form either in print or online through the individual school's website. Families will need to provide information about the student's living situation, citizenship, current school, and family members. In many cases, an application fee is required as part of the admissions process. These range from \$50—\$200.

Academic Information

Parents will need to submit their child's most recent report card or transcript. Some schools require additional end-of-year report cards or from the past one or two years. If the child has taken a standardized test or educational assessment in his or her current school, he or she may also be required to submit those results.

Reference Letters

Most schools require one or more reference letters from teachers, counsellors, or principals at the student's current school. The Confidential School Report is a standard form that some schools require instead of reference letters. This form must be completed by the student's principal or teacher, who will send it directly to the private school admissions office.

Personal Questionnaire

Some schools require that the students complete a personal questionnaire. Questions may involve students' interests, hobbies, goals, strengths and weaknesses, and reasons for applying to the particular private school. Students should write these in their own words and pro-

vide as much detail as possible, editing carefully for spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Admissions Test

Most schools require students to write an admissions test as part of their application to assess their academic strengths and weaknesses. Many schools design their own admissions tests and schedule these individually with each applicant; others require students to write the SSAT (Secondary School Admissions Test), a standardized exam for grades 5-11 administered world-wide. Detailed information about preparing and registering for this test can be found in the SSAT section of this booklet.

Interview

Many schools require students to conduct a formal campus visit and an interview with the admissions officer. This gives the school and opportunity to meet each prospective applicant face-to-face. Interviewers often ask about the student's current school, extra-curricular activities, goals, and reasons for applying to the specific private school. Students should dress neatly, conduct themselves politely, and be prepared to elaborate upon their answers.

Supplementary Documents

Families may be required to submit other supplementary documents as part of the application, including copies of birth certificates, passports, or other proof of citizenship. International students may be required to submit a copy of their Canadian study visa. Some schools additionally ask students to submit a writing sample or a school assignment of which they are particularly proud.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Steps

- Arrange a school visit or attend an Open House.
- Submit a completed application form, application fee, student profile, and required documents by the deadline.
- Contact a principal/teacher for reference letters or a Confidential School Report.
- Arrange to write an admissions test or the SSAT.
- Arrange an interview and/or campus tour with the admissions office.

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary with each individual school. Confirm these dates with the school's admissions office or website.

Most of the top private schools in the Greater Toronto Area have application deadlines in December. The deadline for UTS is Dec. 1, and the deadlines for many of the other selective schools are in the second week of December.

In most cases, SSAT scores do not need to be submitted by the application deadline. Contact the individual school admissions office or website for the last SSAT test date for which students may register and still be considered for admission.

DEADLINES

December 1

- UTS

2nd week of December

- *Bishop Strachan School*
- *Branksome Hall*
- *Crescent School*
- *Havergal College*
- *Upper Canada College*

UTS ADMISSIONS

University of Toronto Schools (UTS) has a rigorous two-stage admissions process for students entering into Grade 7. 98% of students entering UTS will do so into Grade 7. Admission to other grades is based on space available.

Grade 7 Admissions

- **Stage 1** consists of the SSAT plus a completed online application form, student questionnaire, and school supplement submitted by the Dec. 1 deadline. Students may write the SSAT after the application deadline.
- Out of the roughly 600 Stage 1 applicants each year, 100 boys and 100 girls are invited to **Stage 2** of the application. This consists of a 40-minute math exam, a 20-minute interview, and a possible 20-minute essay.
- Based on their Stage 2 results, the admissions officers will send offers of admission

to 55 girls and 55 boys whom they feel are top candidates to attend UTS.

Many families ask if UTS has a "cut-off" SSAT score in order to proceed to Stage 2. Because each year's pool of applicants is different, the lowest SSAT scores accepted will vary. In general, students should aim to score in the mid-high 1900s in order to be considered competitive.

Grade 9-11 Admissions

- Students must write the SSAT and submit the online application form, student questionnaire, school supplement, and recommendation letters by Feb. 1.
- Based on transcripts and SSAT results in the 85th percentile or above, select students will be invited for a 20-30 minute interview.
- Offers of admission will be granted based on space available.

HOW TO PAY

THE COST

Tuition for private schools varies greatly based on school type, location, and reputation. The oldest and most selective schools in the centre of a metropolitan area like Toronto, and particularly those offering boarding options, tend to have the highest tuition fees. However, many smaller private schools, particularly faith

-based schools in suburban locations, have tuition close to or under \$10,000. Families should consider not only the yearly tuition rate but also any additional fees for student services, books, uniforms, or building upkeep.

TUITION FOR SELECT PRIVATE BOARDING SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

<i>School</i>	<i>Day Tuition</i>	<i>Boarding Tuition</i>
Appleby College	\$29,235—\$37,295	\$48,580—\$55,555
Upper Canada College	\$27,610—\$29,610	\$49,265—\$51,265
Branksome Hall	\$26,265—\$28,265	\$49,000—\$51,000
St. Andrew's College	\$28,050	\$45,076—\$47,060
Havergal College	\$25,500	\$48,100
Bishop Strachan School	\$25,300	\$45,840

TUITION FOR SELECT PRIVATE DAY SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

<i>School</i>	<i>Tuition</i>
Toronto French School	\$10,440—\$27,425
Crescent School	\$27,275
The York School	\$25,100
St. Clement's School	\$24,150
The Country Day School	\$19,350—\$22,765
Holy Trinity School	\$20,625—\$22,100
Bayview Glen	\$14,800—\$20,400
UTS	\$19,600
St. Michael's College School	\$15,225—\$16,050
De La Salle College	\$11,400—\$11,900

FINANCIAL AID

Private school tuition can be a significant expense, but most schools offer financial aid packages to help families who would not otherwise be able to afford their school. Financial aid packages can take many forms, including need-based bursaries and loans, merit-based scholarships, and tuition payment plans and discounts. Applying for financial aid will not affect a student's chance of getting into a school, as admissions are based on merit alone.

Need-Based Aid

Families may qualify for need-based financial aid based on income and expenses. Need-based aid can take the form of loans, which need to be repaid, and bursaries, which do not. In order to be considered, most schools require families to complete an application detailing the family's income, assets, investments, debts, and expenses. Families should bring to the school's attention any unusual circumstances, such as health issues or another child attending university, as most schools will take these considerations into account when making financial aid decisions.

Merit-Based Aid

Many schools offer merit scholarships to deserving students. These are awarded based on academic or extra-curricular achievement, and can take into account the student's involvement in the arts, athletics, or community service. Most schools require students to submit a personal essay demonstrating why they should receive the award. Students applying to academic scholarships may also be required to submit transcripts, report cards, samples of academic work, and entrance exam results. Students applying to arts or athletics scholarships may be required to complete an audition or try-out.

Tuition Payment Plans and Discounts

Many schools offer tuition payment plans to spread the cost of tuition over the year. Families may pay tuition in several instalments over the school year rather than one lump sum. Often, schools offer further tuition discounts for families with multiple children attending the school, or families with parents who volunteer or work at the school.

OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS

Families should research external foundations, charitable organizations, and religious groups in their communities that may offer tuition aid based on financial need. In Ontario and Alberta, families may apply to the Children First School Choice Trust (www.childrenfirstgrants.ca), a privately-funded program provided by the Fraser Institute. This program offers up to \$4,000 yearly to lower income families sending children to private elementary schools.

There are numerous tax benefits available to families with children in private school. A portion of private school fees for children under

16 may be deducted as a child care expense, based on the portion of the school day devoted to child care supervision (such as lunch hours and recess) rather than academic instruction. Faith-based schools or schools that teach religion and are registered as charitable organizations may be able to issue tax receipts to be claimed as a charitable donation tax credit. Finally, tuition for a Special Needs school may be eligible for a medical expense tax credit if a doctor certifies that the facilities, equipment, or personnel are required for the student's mental or physical needs.

THE SSAT

SSAT (SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST)

ABOUT THE SSAT

- *Length: 2 hours, 35 min*
- *Lower Level: Grades 5-7*
- *Upper Level: Grades 8-11*
- *Lower Level scores from 1320-2130, Upper Level scores from 1500-2400*
- *Multiple test dates each year*
- *Register at www.ssat.org*

The SSAT is a standardized test administered to students in grades 5-11 to help determine placement into certain private and independent schools. The SSAT is owned, published, and developed by the Secondary School Admission Test Board.

The SSAT is administered nationally eight times during the academic year; however, students should not take the test more than once in a given year. Regional private schools and organizations also have the option of adminis-

tering the test independently, and these “Flex” test dates by region can be found on the SSAT website at www.ssat.org. This website is also used for registration via an online form.

A student will register for one of two SSAT tests, depending on grade level. The Lower Level test is administered for students currently in grades 5-7, and the Upper Level test is for students currently in grades 8-11. The tests have the same format, but the Upper Level exam covers more advanced material.

SSAT SCORING

Scores for each section on the SSAT (Math, Verbal, and Reading) are scaled based on the performance of students for each separate exam. The Lower Level exam is scaled from 440-710 points per section, or 1320-2130 total. The Upper Level exam is scaled from 500-800 points per section, or 1500-2400 total. Students in lower grades for their test are expected to receive lower scaled scores.

The SSAT score report also provides SSAT percentile rankings for each category, comparing each student’s performance to that of oth-

ers in the same grade who have taken the test in the past three years. These percentile rankings provide a more accurate way of evaluating student performance at each grade level. However, the SSAT percentiles are a comparison against only other students who have taken the SSAT, and these tend to be a very high-achievers. Students should not be discouraged if their percentile rankings appear low. The SSAT also publishes an Estimated National Percentile ranking for test takers in grades 5-9, an estimated comparison of student performance against the entire national student population.

MEDIAN SCORES (50TH PERCENTILE)				
	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Verbal</i>	<i>Math</i>
Lower Level	5	569	584	563
	6	593	614	593
	7	611	638	614
Upper Level	8	629	662	647
	9	644	683	668
	10	656	695	686

WHAT IS COVERED?

The SSAT's five sections are broken into three main subjects (Math, Verbal, and Reading) plus one writing sample. Each of these sections test the student's ability to think logically, organize ideas, and solve problems systematically. The Math, Verbal, and Reading scores are scaled and combined to give the student's total SSAT score. The writing sample is not scored, but is sent to the admissions officers of the private schools to which the student is applying.

Math

The test contains two 30-minute Math sections with 25 multiple-choice questions each. These sections test knowledge of arithmetic, geometry, word problems, and basic algebra. Students will need to apply their knowledge of these subjects efficiently in order to solve multi-step problems within a strict time limit. No calculator is allowed, so students should be proficient in mental math and long division and multiplication.

Verbal

The Verbal section is 30 minutes long with 60 questions. The first half is comprised of synonym questions, which test students' knowledge of word meanings. The second half is com-

prised of analogies, which test students' ability to recognize relationships between words.

These questions require a thorough knowledge of advanced English vocabulary.

Reading

The Reading section is 40 minutes long and comprises 7-8 short passages with questions. The passages may be drawn from history, science, editorial essays, short stories, or poems. The questions test students' ability to understand advanced reading material, to summarize main ideas, and to make inferences based on what they have read within a strict time limit.

Writing Sample

The SSAT writing sample takes the form of a 25-minute, one-page essay in which students must support or disprove a topic statement by using examples from personal experience, history, literature, and current events. These topics take the form of common sayings and proverbs, such as "No pain, no gain." Although this section is not scored, it will be evaluated by the admissions officers of the school to which the student is applying. Students should aim to write a well-structured essay free from spelling, punctuation, and grammar mistakes.

SSAT STUDY TIPS

- *Commit to long-term, diligent study to build vocabulary and review key concepts*
- *Read and analyze high-level material: books, short stories, poems, newspapers*
- *Write practice essays and have a parent or teacher edit for structure, logic, and mechanics*
- *Drill math concepts, and practice applying them quickly and accurately in multi-step problems*
- *Speed is key: practice with a time limit*

FORMAT OF THE SSAT

Writing Sample:	- One 25-minute essay	} 5 sections (2 hrs, 35 min)
Verbal:	- One 30-minute section (multiple choice)	
Reading:	- One 40-minute section (multiple choice)	
Math:	- Two 30-minute sections (multiple choice)	

AP AND IB PROGRAMS

AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT)

SOME AP SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

- *Appleby College*
- *Bishop Strachan School*
- *Crescent School*
- *Havergal College*
- *Pickering College*
- *Ridley College (current)*
- *St. Andrew's College*
- *St. Clement's School*
- *UTS (select courses)*

Many schools take part in enrichment learning programs that offer university-level courses as a part of the high school curriculum. The Advanced Placement program (AP) is administered by the College Board and consists of a year-long course of enriched study in a specific subject, followed by an exam in May. There is a fee of \$84 per exam. 37 AP courses are offered across 22 subject areas, including calculus, statistics, physics, biology, chemistry, history, literature, and languages. Over 500 schools in Canada offer AP courses, and over 1 million students write AP exams each year. Registration is conducted through the College Board website at www.collegeboard.com.

Most AP exams involve multiple-choice questions and a free-response section in either essay or problem-solving format. The exams are graded on a 5-point scaled system, where 5 means “extremely qualified” and 1 means “not recommended.” High schools rarely use AP exam scores as a part of the students’ final mark for the course, as exam scores are published in mid-July after most schools have already issued their final grades. AP exams are used by many Canadian and US universities to exempt students from entry level courses, though the amount and type of credit granted varies. It is important to contact each university to determine its AP recognition policy.

IB (INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE)

SOME IB SCHOOLS IN THE GTA

- *Branksome Hall*
- *Ridley College (upcoming)*
- *The York School*
- *Toronto French School*
- *Toronto Montessori Schools*
- *Upper Canada College*

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is one of the most widely recognized enrichment programs internationally. The IB is administered by the International Baccalaureate Organization based in Switzerland, which has authorized 2000 IB schools around the world and 250 in Canada. The IBO offers a Primary Year Program (PYP), a Middle Year Program (MYP), and an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP).

The Primary Year Program is geared toward 3-12 year olds and focuses in the development of the child in the classroom and the world outside. There is no testing in the PYP so that students can focus on “how to learn” rather than “what to learn.” The Middle Year Program is geared toward 11-16 year olds and focuses on challenging academics and the development of life skills. Both PYP and MYP curricula consist of languages, humanities, sciences, math, arts, physical education and technology.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is geared toward students in the penultimate and final years of high school. The curriculum consists of study in six subject areas: English, a second language, individuals and societies, sciences, mathematics and computer science, and an elective. In addition, the IBDP requires students to write an Extended Essay, study epistemology in a course called Theory of Knowledge, and complete 150 hours of Creative, Action and Service requirements. Standardized exams are administered at the end of the 2-year program, with marks from 1 to 7 awarded in each subject. In order to receive the IB Diploma, students must earn a minimum of 24 out of 45 possible points. Many universities recognize IB courses as first-year equivalent, and the IBDP can qualify students for scholarships or even guaranteed admission at some universities.

ARTS AND ATHLETICS

ARTS IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Many private schools offer extensive courses and extra-curricular programs in the arts, from music to drama and dance to visual arts. Studies have shown numerous benefits for students engaging in creative programs while in school. Students involved in the arts tend to demonstrate higher academic achievement and greater motivation to learn. Additionally, participation in visual and performing arts enhances creative thinking, spatial reasoning, writing skills, and reading comprehension. Parents interested in a school's arts program should plan to attend a student production or art exhibit, or ask for a tour of facilities during a school visit.

There are many private schools in the GTA known for particularly strong arts programs. Appleby College has a wide range of visual, music, dance, and dramatic arts programs. Upper Canada College and Bishop Strachan School each have a strong individual visual arts and music program, and they combine forces for joint theatre performances each year. St. Michael's Choir School is a music-based Catholic school for boys offering a curriculum in academic subjects as well as liturgical music. Each student participates in one of the school's four choirs, and admission is by vocal audition.

ATHLETICS IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Top private schools frequently offer athletic programs of a quality that rival those of college and universities. Believing in the motto *mens sana in corpore sano* ("a healthy mind in a healthy body"), private schools frequently require some sort of athletic participation as part of their curriculum.

The Conference of Independent Schools of Ontario Athletic Association (CISAA) is a sports conference of private schools in southern Ontario and the Greater Toronto Area. Originally consisting of only four founding members, the CISAA has now grown to a total of 36 member schools. Within the CISAA, there are many private schools in the GTA known for particularly strong athletic programs. These include De La Salle College "Oaklands," Ridley College, St. Andrew's College, St. Michael's College School, and Upper Canada College, to name just a few.

Some private schools are designed specifically to meet the academic and athletic needs of high-performing student athletes. In addition to providing a full academic curriculum, athletic academies provide nutritional counselling, conditioning, and strength training geared toward specific sports. Students work closely with teachers, coaches, nutritionists and counsellors to create an individual curriculum that will optimize both academic and athletic performance, and allow them to balance both school and sports commitments. Athletic academies frequently offer boarding options that allow students to live on campus and take advantage of the academy resources and facilities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In the Greater Toronto Area, athletic academies include the PEAC School for Elite Athletes in Toronto and the Hill Academy in Vaughan. Both are co-ed facilities enrolling students from grades 7-12, and both offer boarding options.

ATHLETIC ACADEMIES IN THE GTA

- *PEAC School for Elite Athletes*
- *The Hill Academy*

IVY GLOBAL SERVICES

PRIVATE SCHOOL CONSULTING

Finding the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you'll make. We work one-on-one with each client to provide expert advice and strategies on the private school admissions process.

We offer consulting services to maximize each student's application, interview, resume and overall self-presentation to the admissions committees. With Ivy Global's expertise and unique relationships with admissions officers, we will increase your chances of gaining admission to the school of your choice.

Full Consulting

Our consulting service will guide you step-by-step through the entire admissions process.

From choosing a school that is the right fit for your child to preparing applications that will set your child apart, we will provide a full game plan for getting your son or daughter into his or her dream school.

Hourly Consulting

We provide parents with hourly consulting to guide them through the process of applying to private schools and answer any questions they might have about their child's education and development.

SSAT Diagnostic

We perform a 2.5 hour SSAT diagnostic exam, provide a detailed score report, and outline a strategic plan for improving SSAT scores.

UTS ADMISSIONS

Our consultants and tutors are available to guide parents and students through each step of the UTS admissions process.

Stage 1: SSAT Prep

Students looking to maximize their SSAT scores for Stage 1 of the UTS admissions process should enrol in our SSAT prep courses or private tutoring. Our programs are uniquely designed to help students develop the necessary skills and strategies for the SSAT. Our highly qualified instructors are dedicated to delivering the most comprehensive, effective, and engaging SSAT preparation program in the country.

Stage 2: UTS Exam and Interview Prep

We offer private tutoring on a session-by-session basis to hone skills, build strategies, and review key concepts for both the mathematics and writing components of the UTS Stage 2 exam. In addition, we offer consulting sessions to prepare techniques and practice for the UTS Stage 2 interview.

Please call or e-mail our office to book tutoring or consulting sessions, or to receive further information about these services.

SSAT PREPARATION

SSAT Courses

Our SSAT prep classes have been uniquely designed to prepare students to maximize their scores on the SSAT. All our sessions take place at convenient locations in Toronto and Vancouver, and they are taught by highly qualified instructors dedicated to delivering the most comprehensive, effective and engaging SSAT preparation program in the country.

Our SSAT prep courses cover essay writing, vocabulary building, reading comprehension, and mathematics. Students will also learn time management and key test taking strategies. Class sizes are limited to 7 students to ensure individual attention. Please note that all of our SSAT classes are designed for the Lower Level exam, grades 5-7.

30 hr course - \$1350+HST

24 hr course - \$1200+HST

18 hr course - \$900+HST

For the latest class schedule, please visit www.ivyglobal.ca.

SSAT Tutoring

Our tutoring program is a unique, full customized approach to SSAT preparation. Our program combines material from some of the best SSAT prep programs available with the guidance of a dedicated instructor.

The private tutoring sessions are held at our convenient locations in Toronto and Vancouver or at the student's home. Sessions are customized to the individual learning needs of our students and are designed to maximize test-taking techniques and scores. Tutoring is offered for both the Lower Level and Upper Level exams.

26 hour program - \$2000+HST

- 10 x 2 hour tutoring sessions
- 2 x 3 hour diagnostic tests
- Set of SSAT books and materials

Tutoring is also available on a per session basis at \$170+HST for each 2-hour session.

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Private Tutoring

Ivy Global offers a full range of tutoring services, allowing students to supplement their education with effective, long-term one-on-one instruction. We offer tutoring in a wide range of subjects for students in grades 5-12.

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Our SAT prep classes and private tutoring have been uniquely designed to help students maximize their scores on the SAT, the admissions

exam for universities and colleges in the United States.

LSAT, MCAT, and DAT Prep

Our LSAT, MCAT and DAT classes and private tutoring help students develop the necessary techniques and strategies to crack every section of these standardized exams required for law, medical, and dental school admissions.

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GTA PRIVATE SCHOOLS

CITY OF TORONTO (TORONTO, ETOBICOKE, NORTH YORK, SCARBOROUGH)

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	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
	Abacus Montessori www.abacusmontessori.ca	Toronto, North York	PK-4 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: varies	90	2003	Yes
	Afzal Islamic Montessori & Academy www.afzalacademy.com	Toronto, Scarborough	PS-8 Co-ed	Islamic, Montessori	Day: varies	varies	2004	No
\$	Arrowsmith School www.arrowsmithschool.org	Toronto, Peterborough	1-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$22,000	75	1980	No
♦	Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto www.associatedhebrewschools.com	Toronto, Thornhill	JK-8 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: \$5,550-12,200	1,700	1907	No
\$	Bannockburn School www.bannockburn.ca	Toronto	PS-6 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$10,150-20,300	130	1993	No
\$	Bayview Glen www.bvg.on.ca	Toronto	PS-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$14,800-20,400	1020	1962	Yes
	Bialik Hebrew Day School www.bialik.ca	Toronto	JK-8 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: \$12,385	800	1961	No
🏠✍️\$♦	Bishop Strachan School www.bss.on.ca	Toronto	JK-12 Girls	Traditional	Day: \$25,300 Boarding: \$45,840	900	1867	Yes
	Blyth Academy www.blytheducation.com	Toronto, Mississauga, Burlington, Thornhill	6-12 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: \$7,395-11,895	300	2004	No
	Bnei Akiva Or Chaim www.bneiakivaschools.org	Toronto	9-12 Boys	Jewish	Day: varies	140	1973	No
	Bnei Akiva Ulpanat Orot www.bneiakivaschools.org	Toronto	9-12 Girls	Jewish	Day: varies	140	1975	No
	Bond Academy www.bondacademy.ca	Toronto	K-12 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$10,800-14,800	425	1975	Yes
	Braemar College www.braemarcollege.com	Toronto	9-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$10,400-12,000	varies	1995	No
🏠✍️\$♦	Branksome Hall www.branksome.on.ca	Toronto	JK-12 Girls	Traditional	Day: \$26,265-28,265 Boarding: \$49,000-51,000	870	1903	Yes
\$	Brighton School www.brightonschool.ca	Toronto	1-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$21,750-23,250	50	2003	Yes
	Cathedral Christian Academy www.theprayerpalace.com/cds	Toronto	JK-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: varies	varies	1981	Yes

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	Central Montessori Schools <i>www.cmschool.net</i>	Toronto, North York, Thornhill	PS-6 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$5,805-11,250	850	1995	Yes
	City Academy <i>www.cityacademy.ca</i>	Toronto	9-12 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: varies	240		No
	Cornerstone Montessori Preparatory School <i>www.cornerstoneprep.ca</i>	Toronto, North York	PK-12 Co-ed	Montessori, Christian	Day: \$11,500-13,500	120	1990	Yes
✎ \$ ◆	Crescent School <i>www.crescentschool.org</i>	Toronto	3-12 Boys	Traditional	Day: \$27,275	680	1913	Yes
\$	Crestwood School and Preparatory College <i>www.crestwood.on.ca</i>	Toronto	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$16,000-20,700	400	1980	Yes
✎ ◆	De La Salle College "Oaklands" <i>www.delasalleoaklands.org</i>	Toronto	5-12 Co-ed	Catholic	Day: \$11,400-11,900	620	1851	Yes
\$	Dragon Academy, The <i>www.dragonacademy.org</i>	Toronto	7-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$17,750-25,000	60	2001	No
	Fieldstone Day School <i>www.fieldstonedayschool.org</i>	Toronto	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$16,480-19,800	300	1997	Yes
	FutureSkills High School <i>www.futureskills.com</i>	Toronto	9-12 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: varies	varies	1997	No
	German International School Toronto <i>www.gistonline.ca</i>	Toronto	K-8 Co-ed	German Immersion	Day: \$7,500-13,500	varies	2000	No
	Giles School, The <i>www.gilesschool.ca</i>	Toronto	PK-8 Co-ed	French Immersion	Day: \$8,900-15,400	200	1989	Yes
☉	Great Lakes College of Toronto, The <i>www.glctschool.com</i>	Toronto	10-12 Co-ed	International	Day: \$9,250-12,500 Boarding: \$18,050-21,300	varies	1978	No
\$	Greenwood College School <i>www.greenwoodcollege.com</i>	Toronto	7-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$28,500	415	2002	Yes
	Haadi Elementary School <i>http://school.haadi.ca</i>	Toronto	PS-7 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: \$2,400-6,600	varies		Yes
☉ ✎ \$ ◆	Havergal College <i>www.havergal.on.ca</i>	Toronto	JK-12 Girls	Traditional	Day: \$25,500 Boarding: \$48,100	900	1894	Yes
	Hawthorn School for Girls <i>www.hawthornschool.com</i>	Toronto	PS-12 Girls	Traditional	Day: \$4,200-19,000	150	1989	Yes
	Hudson College <i>www.hudsoncollege.ca</i>	Toronto	PK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$12,500	240	2003	Yes
	Humberside Montessori <i>www.humbersidemontessori.ca</i>	Toronto	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$6,080-11,500	290	1987	No
	Imperial College of Toronto <i>www.imperialcollege.org</i>	Toronto	11-12 Co-ed	International	Day: varies	varies	1990	No

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	Junior Academy, The <i>www.junioracademy.com</i>	Toronto	K-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$16,750-19,750	120	1988	Yes
\$	Kohai Educational Centre <i>www.kohai.ca</i>	Toronto	PS-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$28,000-37,000	35	1976	No
	Leo Baeck Day School, The <i>http://leobaeck.ca</i>	Toronto, Thornhill	PS-8 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: \$6,450-12,900	875	1977	No
	Linden School, The <i>www.lindenschool.ca</i>	Toronto	1-12 Girls	Traditional	Day: \$15,300	145	1993	No
	Lycée Français de Toronto <i>www.lft.ca</i>	Toronto	PS-12 Co-ed	French Immersion	Day: \$13,314-16,413	400	1995	No
\$	Mabin School, The <i>www.mabin.com</i>	Toronto	JK-6 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$20,750	150	1980	No
	Madresatul Banaat Almus- lima <i>www.muslimgirlsschool.com</i>	Toronto	JK-12 Girls	Islamic	Day: varies	varies	1993	Yes
	Maria Montessori School <i>www.mariamontessori.ca</i>	Toronto	PS-6 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$7,500-12,900	125	1975	No
🏠	McDonald International Academy <i>www.mcdonaldacademy.com</i>	Toronto, North York	10-12 Co-ed	International	Day: \$5,440-12,000 Boarding: varies	varies	1994	No
	Merle Levine Academy <i>www.merlelevineacademy.com</i>	Toronto	1-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: varies	varies	1974	Yes
\$	Metropolitan Preparatory Academy <i>www.metroprep.com</i>	Toronto	7-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$17,700-21,000	350	1982	No
\$	Montcrest School <i>www.montcrest.on.ca</i>	Toronto	JK-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$22,340-31,970	300	1961	Yes
	Montessori Jewish Day School <i>www.montessorijewish.ca</i>	Toronto	PS-8 Co-ed	Jewish, Montessori	Day: varies	varies		No
	Northmount School <i>www.northmount.com</i>	Toronto	JK-8 Boys	Catholic	Day: \$13,545-18,795	varies	1990	Yes
	Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School <i>http://djds.ca</i>	Toronto	SK-8 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: \$14,250	155	1998	No
🏠	PEAC School for Elite Ath- letes <i>www.peac.ca</i>	Toronto	7-12 Co-ed	Athletics	Boarding: \$15,000-41,999	varies		No
	Peoples Christian Academy <i>http://pca.ca</i>	Toronto	JK-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$9,300-16,650	450	1971	Yes
	Robbins Hebrew Academy <i>www.rhacademy.ca</i>	Toronto	PS-8 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: varies	600	1957	No

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	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
	Rosedale Day School, The www.rds-on.ca	Toronto	JK-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$14,800	110	1995	Yes
\$	Royal St. George's College www.rsqc.on.ca	Toronto	3-12 Boys	Traditional, Anglican	Day: \$26,700	425	1961	Yes
\$	St. Clement's School www.scs.on.ca	Toronto	1-12 Girls	Traditional	Day: \$24,150	450	1901	Yes
	St. George Academy www.stgeorgeacademy.com	Toronto	9-12 Co-ed	International	Day: varies Boarding: varies	varies		No
	St. Michael's Choir School www.smcs.on.ca	Toronto	3-12 Boys	Catholic, Music	Day: \$4,200	260	1937	Yes
\$	St. Michael's College School www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com	Toronto	7-12 Boys	Catholic	Day: \$15,225-16,050	1100	1852	Yes
\$	Sterling Hall School, The www.sterlinghall.com	Toronto	JK-8 Boys	Traditional	Day: \$23,700-26,700	300	1987	Yes
	Sunnybrook School www.sunnybrookschool.com	Toronto	JK-6 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$19,000	140	1952	Yes
	TAIE International Institute http://taie.ca	Toronto	9-12 Co-ed	International	Day: \$12,000 Boarding: \$22,800	varies		No
\$	Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto www.tanenbaumchat.org	Toronto, Vaughan	9-12 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: \$21,100	1500	1960	No
	Tiferes Bais Yaakov http://tiferesbaisyaakov.com	Toronto	9-12 Girls	Jewish	Day: varies	varies	1999	Yes
\$	Toronto French School www.tfs.ca	Toronto, Mississauga	PS-12 Co-ed	French Immersion	Day: \$10,440-27,425	1200	1962	Yes
	Toronto Heschel School www.torontoheschel.org	Toronto	JK-8 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: varies	300	1996	No
\$	Toronto International College www.ticedu.ca	Toronto	9-12 Co-ed	International	Day: \$13,680-23,980	varies		No
	Toronto New School www.torontonewschool.com	Toronto	9-12 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: \$19,150	varies		No
	Toronto Prep School www.torontoprepschool.com	Toronto	7-12 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: \$18,150	varies	2009	No
\$	University of Toronto Schools www.utschools.ca	Toronto	7-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$19,600	645	1910	No
\$\$	Upper Canada College www.ucc.on.ca	Toronto	SK-12 Boys	Traditional	Day: \$27,610-29,610 Boarding: \$49,265-51,265	1100	1829	Yes
	Waldorf Academy http://waldorfacademy.org	Toronto	PK-8 Co-ed	Waldorf	Day: \$4,610-15,450	240	1987	No
	WillowWood School www.willowwoodschool.ca	Toronto	1-12 Co-ed	Alternative, Special Needs	Day: \$15,300-16,800	250	1980	Yes

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	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
\$	York School, The <i>www.yorkschooll.com</i>	Toronto	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$25,100	565	1965	Yes
	Kingsley Primary School <i>www.kingsleyschooll.ca</i>	Etobicoke	JK-5 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$5,450-9,750	varies	1981	Yes
	Kingsway College School <i>www.kcs.on.ca</i>	Etobicoke	1-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$19,600	285	1989	Yes
	MPS Etobicoke (Mississauga Private School) <i>www.mpsontario.com</i>	Etobicoke	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$11,210-14,500	350	1977	Yes
	Phoenix Montessori School <i>www.phoenixmontessori.ca</i>	Etobicoke	PS-6 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$6,900-11,900	80	1999	No
	Citadelle International Academy of Arts and Science, La <i>www.lacitadelleacademy.com</i>	North York	PK-12 Co-ed	French Immersion	Day: \$10,250-14,650	200	2000	Yes
	Crawford Adventist Academy <i>www.tadsb.com</i>	North York	K-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$4,685-9,585	450	1981	Yes
	North Toronto Christian School <i>www.yorkland.on.ca</i>	North York	JK-6 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$6,288	300	1981	Yes
	Signet Christian School <i>www.scarboroughchristianschooll.com</i>	North York	JK-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$4,896-10,160	varies	1974	Yes
	Toronto French Montessori <i>www.torontofrenchmontessori.com</i>	North York	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori, French Immersion	Day: \$6,919-14,000	90	2000	Yes
	Yorkland School, The <i>www.yorkland.on.ca</i>	North York	7-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$6,288-9,720	300	1980	Yes
	Guildwood Village Montessori School <i>www.gvmmontessori.ca</i>	Scarborough	PK-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$4,100-7,300	75	1994	No
	Islamic Foundation School <i>www.islamicfoundation.ca</i>	Scarborough	JK-12 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: \$4,000-8,000	600	1992	Yes
	Madinatul Uloom Academy <i>www.mua.ca</i>	Scarborough	K-12 Boys & Girls Schools	Islamic	Day: varies	varies	1996	Yes
	NAMF Academy (North American Muslim Foundation) <i>www.namf.ca</i>	Scarborough	JK-12 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: \$2,500	varies		Yes
	Royal Institute of International Studies <i>www.royalinstitute.ca</i>	Scarborough	11-12 Co-ed	International	Day: \$7,800	varies		No
	Salaheddin Islamic Secondary School <i>www.salaheddin.org</i>	Scarborough	9-12 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: varies	varies		Yes

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Tayyibah Islamic Academy <i>www.tayyibahacademy.com</i>	Scarborough	PS-12 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: varies	varies		Yes
Um-Alqura Islamic School <i>www.umalqura.ca</i>	Scarborough	K-12 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: \$2750	varies	2001	Yes

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THORNHILL, UNIONVILLE, VAUGHAN, WOODBRIDGE)

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Aurora Montessori & Private School <i>www.auroramontessori.com</i>	Aurora	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: varies	400	1989	Yes
🍷✍\$♦ St. Andrew's College <i>www.sac.on.ca</i>	Aurora	6-12 Boys	Traditional	Day: \$28,050 Boarding: \$45,076-47,060	570	1899	Yes
✍\$ Country Day School, The <i>www.cds.on.ca</i>	King	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$19,350-22,765	700	1972	Yes
Villanova College <i>www.villanovacollege.com</i>	King City	5-12 Co-ed	Catholic	Day: \$13,400	580	1999	Yes
J. Addison School <i>www.addisonschool.com</i>	Markham	PS-12 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$3,760-13,600	80	2002	Yes
Somerset Academy <i>www.somersetacademy.ca</i>	Markham	JK-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: varies	130	1974	Yes
Town Centre Montessori and Private Schools <i>www.tcmps.com</i>	Markham	PS-12 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$5,400-19,000	1400	1986	Yes
Trillium School <i>www.trilliumschool.ca</i>	Markham	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$5,600-9,400	320	1991	Yes
Wesley Christian Academy <i>www.wesleychristianacademy.com</i>	Markham	PK-8 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$8,350-9,988	275	1988	Yes
Wishing Well Montessori & Elementary Schools <i>www.wishingwellschools.com</i>	Markham	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$6,000-9,750	300	1978	Yes
🍷✍\$♦ Pickering College <i>www.pickeringcollege.on.ca</i>	Newmarket	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$17,520-21,065 Boarding: \$42,860-44,860	407	1842	Yes
Academy for Gifted Children –P.A.C.E., The <i>www.pace.on.ca</i>	Richmond Hill	1-12 Co-ed	Gifted	Day: \$11,000	300	1993	No
Exceptional Learning Centre (EXL) <i>www.exlcentre.com</i>	Richmond Hill, Ajax	K-8 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$13,450-15,350	30	1997	Yes
✍\$ Holy Trinity School <i>www.hts.on.ca</i>	Richmond Hill	JK-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$20,625-22,100	760	1981	Yes

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	Richland Academy <i>www.richlandacademy.ca</i>	Richmond Hill	PK-6 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$7,950-15,250	115	2002	Yes
	Richmond Hill Montessori & Elementary Private School <i>www.rhms.ca</i>	Richmond Hill	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$12,000-15,000	535	1986	Yes
\$	Toronto Montessori Schools (TMS) <i>www.torontomontessori.ca</i>	Richmond Hill	PS-12 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$11,140-22,100	700	1961	Yes
	Blyth Academy <i>www.blytheducation.com</i>	Thornhill, Toronto, Mississauga, Burlington	6-12 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: \$7,395-11,895	300	2004	No
	Central Montessori Schools <i>www.cmschool.net</i>	Thornhill, North York, Toronto	PS-6 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$5,805-11,250	850	1995	Yes
	Discovery Academy <i>www.discoveryacademy.ca</i>	Thornhill	7-12 Co-ed	Gifted, French Immersion	Day: \$9,000-12,500	varies	2005	No
	Leo Baeck Day School, The <i>http://leobaeck.ca</i>	Thornhill, Toronto	PS-8 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: \$6,450-12,900	875	1977	No
	Lumen Veritatis Academy <i>www.lumenveritatis.ca</i>	Thornhill, Mississauga	JK-8 Co-ed	Catholic	Day: \$5,000-5,500	varies	2007	Yes
	Netivot HaTorah Day School <i>http://netivot.com</i>	Thornhill	PS-8 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: varies	600	1983	Yes
	Next Page Private High School <i>www.nextpage.ca</i>	Thornhill	9-12 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: varies	varies	1998	No
	Toronto Waldorf School <i>www.torontowaldorfschool.com</i>	Thornhill	PS-12 Co-ed	Waldorf	Day: \$6,250-16,700 Boarding: \$34,700	360	1968	No
	Zareinu Educational Centre <i>http://zareinu.org</i>	Thornhill	PS-12 Co-ed	Jewish, Special Needs	Day: varies	varies	1990	No
	Unionville Montessori Private Schools <i>www.unionvillemontessori.com</i>	Unionville	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$5,350-10,350	850	1987	Yes
	Hill Academy, The <i>www.thehillacademy.com</i>	Vaughan	7-12 Co-ed	Athletics	Day: \$13,750-15,750 Boarding: \$25,250-28,250	varies	2006	Yes
\$	Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto <i>www.tanenbaumchat.org</i>	Vaughan, Toronto	9-12 Co-ed	Jewish	Day: \$21,100	1500	1960	No
	Maple Crest Private School <i>www.maplecrestschool.ca</i>	Woodbridge	JK-6 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$8,500	150	2004	Yes
	Toronto District Christian High School <i>www.tdchristian.ca</i>	Woodbridge	9-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$7,214-12,600	450	1965	No

PEEL REGION

(BRAMPTON, CALEDON, FERGUS, MISSISSAUGA, ORANGEVILLE)

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	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
	Al-Iman School <i>http://alimanschool.ca</i>	Brampton	JK-8 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: varies	varies	1994	Yes
	Brampton Christian School <i>www.bramptoncs.org</i>	Brampton	JK-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$5,040-9,840	500	1977	Yes
	Brampton Georgetown Montessori School <i>www.bgmschool.com</i>	Brampton	PS-6 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: varies	125	1972	Yes
	Rowntree Montessori Schools (RMS) <i>www.rowntreemontessori.com</i>	Brampton	PS-10 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$4,250-9,550	550	1969	Yes
	Tall Pines School <i>www.tallpineschool.com</i>	Brampton	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$5,972-15,050	500	1987	Yes
	King's College School <i>www.kingscollegeschool.ca</i>	Caledon	3-12 Co-ed	Gifted, International	Day: varies	varies	1994	Yes
	Emmanuel Christian High School <i>www.echs.ca</i>	Fergus	9-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: varies	200		
	ABC Montessori <i>www.abcmontessori.com</i>	Mississauga	PS-6 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$8,420-8,800	150	1995	Yes
	Blyth Academy <i>www.blytheducation.com</i>	Mississauga, Toronto, Thornhill, Burlington	6-12 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: \$7,395-11,895	300	2004	No
☉	Bronte College of Canada <i>www.brontecollege.com</i>	Mississauga	9-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$10,200-12,800 Boarding: \$21,200-23,800	400	1991	Yes
	Good Samaritan School for Exceptional Students, The <i>www.gsschool.ca</i>	Mississauga	JK-12 Co-ed	Special Needs, Christian	Day: \$8,999	varies	2010	No
	Holy Name of Mary College School <i>www.holynameofmarycollegeschool.com</i>	Mississauga	5-12 Girls	Catholic	Day: \$13,500-13,900	125	2008	Yes
	ISNA High School (Islamic Society of North America) <i>http://high.isnaschools.com</i>	Mississauga	9-12 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: \$2,500-5,300	varies		Yes
	Lumen Veritatis Academy <i>www.lumenveritatis.ca</i>	Mississauga, Thornhill	JK-8 Co-ed	Catholic	Day: \$5,000-5,500	varies	2007	Yes
	Lynn-Rose Heights Private School <i>www.lynnroseheights.net</i>	Mississauga	JK-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$5,700-12,045	300	1997	Yes
	Maingate Academy <i>www.mgacademy.ca</i>	Mississauga	JK-8 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: \$2,500-3,500	varies		No
	Meadow Green Academy <i>www.meadowgreenacademy.ca</i>	Mississauga	PS-8 Co-ed	Christian	Day: varies	150	1995	Yes

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	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
	Mentor College <i>www.mentorcollege.edu</i>	Mississauga	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$12,950-16,800	1450	1982	Yes
	Mississauga Christian Academy <i>www.mississaugachristianacademy.com</i>	Mississauga	JK-8 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$7,825-11,355	700	1977	Yes
	Mississauga Christian French School <i>www.mcfschool.ca</i>	Mississauga	PS-8 Co-ed	French Immersion, Christian	Day: \$2,100-7,700	70	2009	Yes
	Northstar Montessori <i>www.northstarmontessori.com</i>	Mississauga	PK-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$5,900-11,000	250	1996	Yes
	Oakwood Academy <i>www.kidscancentre.com</i>	Mississauga	JK-6 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$5,600-23,000	varies	2009	Yes
	Philopateer Christian College <i>www.pccnet.ca</i>	Mississauga	PK-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$990-7,990	240	2000	Yes
	Quran Academy, The <i>www.thequranacademy.com</i>	Mississauga	2-12 Boys	Islamic	Day: \$2,500	varies	2004	Yes
	Rotherglen School, The <i>www.rotherglen.com</i>	Mississauga, Oakville	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$6,200-17,570	1000	1979	Yes
	Sherwood Heights School <i>www.sherwoodheights.com</i>	Mississauga	PS-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$8,870-10,020	450	1989	Yes
	Shiloh Christian Institute <i>www.shilohci.com</i>	Mississauga	JK-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: varies	varies	1992	Yes
	Sommerville Manor School <i>www.sommervillemanor.com</i>	Mississauga	PS-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$11,000-11,750	200		Yes
	St. Jude's Academy <i>www.stjudesacademy.com</i>	Mississauga	PK-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$7,600-9,100	varies		Yes
	Star Academy <i>www.staracademy.ca</i>	Mississauga	JK-8 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: \$10,850-16,700	95	1997	Yes
	TEAM School <i>www.teamschool.com</i>	Mississauga	1-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$15,300-17,300	225	1982	Yes
\$	Toronto French School <i>www.tfs.ca</i>	Mississauga, Toronto	PS-12 Co-ed	French Immersion	Day: \$10,440-27,425	1200	1962	Yes
	White Oaks Montessori School <i>www.whiteoaksmontessori.com</i>	Mississauga	PS-6 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$6,000-10,700	200	1989	Yes
	Hillcrest Private School <i>www.hillcrestps.com</i>	Orangeville	PS-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: varies	varies	1979	Yes
	Maples Private School, The <i>www.themaplesschool.com</i>	Orangeville	PS-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: varies	varies	1989	Yes
	Orangeville Christian School <i>www.orangevillechristianschool.com</i>	Orangeville	JK-8 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$7,500	varies	1979	No

HALTON REGION
(BURLINGTON, OAKVILLE)

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	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
	Blyth Academy www.blytheducation.com	Burlington, Toronto, Mississauga, Thornhill	6-12 Co-ed	Alternative	Day: \$7,395-11,895	300	2004	No
	Fern Hill School www.fernhillschool.com	Burlington, Oakville	PS-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$8,742-17,947	600	1982	Yes
	Al-Falah Islamic School www.al-falah.org	Oakville	JK-8 Co-ed	Islamic	Day: varies	215	1998	Yes
🏠 ✎ \$ ♦	Appleby College www.appleby.on.ca	Oakville	7-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$29,235-37,295 Boarding: \$48,580-55,555	750	1911	Yes
	Chisholm Academy www.chisholmcentre.com	Oakville	9-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$17,200	150	1970	Yes
	Clanmore Montessori www.clanmoremontessori.com	Oakville	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$6,400-12,700	100	1997	Yes
	Dearcroft Montessori School www.dearcroft.com	Oakville	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$5,900-15,350	170	1968	Yes
	Glenburnie School www.glenburnieschool.com	Oakville	PK-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$6,695-17,450	400	1985	Yes
	King's Christian Collegiate www.kingschristian.net	Oakville	9-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$7,233-12,400	440	2001	Yes
\$	MacLachlan College www.maclachlan.on.ca	Oakville	PK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$8,110-24,750	350	1978	Yes
	Oakville Christian School www.ocsonline.org	Oakville	PS-8 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$9,643-10,974	250	1982	Yes
	Rotherglen School, The www.rotherglen.com	Oakville, Mississauga	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$6,200-17,570	1000	1979	Yes
♦	St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School www.smls.on.ca	Oakville	JK-12 Girls	Traditional	Day: \$16,390-19,810	610	1891	Yes
\$	Wildwood Academy www.wildwoodacademy.com	Oakville	2-8 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$20,917-67,450	60	2002	Yes

DURHAM REGION (AJAX, BOWMANVILLE, PICKERING, WHITBY)								
	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
	Exceptional Learning Centre (EXL) <i>www.exlcentre.com</i>	Ajax, Richmond Hill	K-8 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$13,450-15,350	30	1997	Yes
🎯	Jaamiah AJAX Al Madrasah Al Inaamiyyah <i>www.jaamiahajax.com</i>	Ajax	K-12 Boys	Islamic	Day: varies Boarding: varies	400	1992	Yes
🎯	Jaamiah AJAX Mariyah Islamic School <i>www.jaamiahajax.com</i>	Ajax	K-12 Girls	Islamic	Day: varies Boarding: varies	400	1995	Yes
	Wasdell Academy for Innovative Learning <i>www.wasdellcentre.org</i>	Ajax	PS-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$9,000-12,000	55		Yes
	Durham Christian High School <i>www.dchs.com</i>	Bowmanville	9-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: varies	130	1967	No
	Montessori Learning Centre of Pickering <i>www.montessorilearningcentre.com</i>	Pickering	PS-8 Co-ed	Montessori	Day: \$5,200-9,000	240	1984	No
🎯💰	Trafalgar Castle School <i>www.castle-ed.com</i>	Whitby	5-12 Girls	Traditional	Day: \$18,400-21,160 Boarding: \$36,000-43,000	210	1874	Yes

PETERBOROUGH REGION (LAKEFIELD, PETERBOROUGH, PORT HOPE)								
	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
🎯💰	Lakefield College School <i>www.lcs.on.ca</i>	Lakefield	7-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$21,655-27,370 Boarding: \$47,715-51,245	370	1879	Yes
💰	Arrowsmith School <i>www.arrowsmithschool.org</i>	Peterborough, Toronto	1-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$22,000	75	1980	No
🎯💰	Trinity College School <i>www.tcs.on.ca</i>	Port Hope	5-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$20,350-28,250 Boarding: \$46,450-49,650	550	1865	Yes

BARRIE REGION (BARRIE, COLLINGWOOD, COOKSTOWN)								
	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
	Canadian Secondary School <i>www.canadiansecondaryschool.ca</i>	Barrie	9-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: varies	varies	2008	No
	Kempfenfelt Bay School <i>www.kempfenfeltbayschool.com</i>	Barrie	JK-8 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$11,725-14,975	170	1999	Yes
	Pretty River Academy <i>www.prettyriveracademy.com</i>	Collingwood	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$10,920-14,800	160	1998	Yes
	Thor College <i>www.thorcollege.ca</i>	Cookstown	PK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$5,377-10,726	varies	1980	Yes

HAMILTON AND BRANTFORD
(ANCASTER, BRANTFORD, HAMILTON)

	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
	Hamilton District Christian High <i>www.hdch.org</i>	Ancaster	9-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$9,995-12,005	varies	1956	Yes
	Braemar House School <i>www.braemarhouseschool.ca</i>	Brantford	K-8 Co-ed	Traditional, Montessori	Day: \$7,495-9,995	100	1996	Yes
	Brantford Christian Collegiate <i>www.brantfordchristiancollegiate.org</i>	Brantford	9-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: varies	varies	1995	Yes
☉	Columbia International College <i>www.cic-totalcare.com</i>	Hamilton	7-12 Co-ed	International	Day: varies Boarding: varies	1300	1979	Yes
	Guido De Brès Christian High School <i>www.guidodebres.org</i>	Hamilton	9-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$2,460-9,216	423	1977	Yes
💎	Hillfield Strathallan College <i>www.hsc.on.ca</i>	Hamilton	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional, Montessori	Day: \$4,864-21,671	1140	1901	Yes
	Southern Ontario College <i>www.mysoc.ca</i>	Hamilton	9-12 Co-ed	International	Day: \$6,300-8,400	varies	1980	No

ST. CATHARINES REGION
(BEAMSVILLE, SMITHVILLE, ST. CATHARINES, WELLANDPORT)

	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
☉	Great Lakes Christian High School <i>www.glchs.on.ca</i>	Beamsville	9-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$8,000-16,400 Boarding: \$13,400-26,050	varies	1952	Yes
	Smithville District Christian High School <i>www.sdch.on.ca</i>	Smithville	9-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: varies	200	1980	No
	Beacon Christian School <i>www.beaconchristian.org</i>	St. Catharines	JK-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$8755-15,435	varies	1960	No
☉\$	Pinehurst School <i>www.pinehurst.on.ca</i>	St. Catharines	9-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Boarding: \$30,400-33,000	40	2000	Yes
☉\$💎	Ridley College <i>www.ridley.on.ca</i>	St. Catharines	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$10,500-\$26,200 Boarding: \$30,500-49,950	600	1889	Yes
☉\$	Robert Land Academy <i>www.robertlandacademy.com</i>	Wellandport	6-12 Boys	Military, Special Needs	Boarding: \$39,650-40,150	160	1978	Yes

WATERLOO REGION
(BLOOMINGDALE, CAMBRIDGE, KITCHENER, WATERLOO)

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	Name	City	Grades	School Type	Tuition	Size	Year Founded	Uniforms
	Koinonia Christian Academy <i>www.kcf.org/academy</i>	Bloomingtondale	JK-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$1,740-10,500	varies	1993	Yes
	Temple Baptist Christian Academy <i>http://tbca.ca</i>	Cambridge	JK-8 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$3,150-7,500	varies		No
♦	Rockway Mennonite Collegiate <i>www.rockway.ca</i>	Kitchener	7-12 Co-ed	Christian	Day: \$4,370-17,000	295	1945	Yes
	Scholars' Hall <i>www.scholarshall.com</i>	Kitchener	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: \$8,064-16,900	varies	1997	Yes
	St. Jude's School <i>www.stjudes.com</i>	Kitchener	1-12 Co-ed	Special Needs	Day: \$18,900	varies	1980	No
	St. John's-Kilmarnock School <i>www.sjkschool.org</i>	Waterloo	JK-12 Co-ed	Traditional	Day: varies	500	1972	Yes

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