

Get a Canadian Education! in Niagara Falls, Canada

District School Board of Niagara
International Studies
Elementary & Secondary



About the District School Board of Niagara

DSBN is a publicly funded school district that offers JK—Grade 12 Ontario curriculum leading to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Graduates are prepared for entry to post-secondary institutions worldwide. DSBN schools are found in the heart of the famous Niagara Falls area in the province of Ontario. Niagara's population is 500,000 and the region is located one hour's drive from Toronto. Niagara is a safe community offering a wide variety of cultural, educational, leisure, shopping, and tourism activities. Niagara has good health care facilities, public transportation, various churches, and multi-cultural services. The Region is situated in the southernmost area of Canada with a milder climate in the Winter and between two of the five Great Lakes. It is also close to the New York, U.S.A. border.



English as a Second Language Services (ESL)

Comprehensive ESL services are available at Westlane Secondary School and St. Catharines Collegiate and at all of the 100 elementary schools. International students are assessed for level of English and math at the time of arrival and placed into appropriate ESL and regular academic classes to meet their needs for success. International students will get a high level of English immersion experience every day. Once a high level of ESL is reached, student may attend any of the 21 high schools. Upon arrival, students will be greeted at the friendly Welcome Centre and given an orientation to starting school and to living in the Niagara Region. For more information on specific schools, visit: www.dsbn.org/schools and click school name.

Contact Us

Contact your agent representative for assistance in applying to the DSBN
If you do not have an agent, contact the following at the DSBN:
wendy.campbell@dsbn.edu.on.ca or maira.berzins@dsbn.edu.on.ca



Visit the DSBN website at:
www.dsbn.org/international



Secondary School

Secondary school (high school or senior middle school) includes Grades 9-12. The school year is September to June and is divided into two semesters each offering four courses for a total of eight courses per year. Students may start in September or February. Schools range in size from 600 to 1,000 students. Schools offer both academic and vocational pathways for either university or college preparation. Curriculum includes: English, math, science, technology, business, history, geography, arts, French, health and physical education. Class size averages 25 students. Schools have academic counselors for advice on course selection and applying to universities worldwide. Schools offer many sports for both boys and girls such as baseball, basketball, skiing, hockey, football, rowing, swimming, track & field, volleyball and more. They also offer arts programs such as music, art, drama, and dance. Classrooms have a high proportion of native English speakers so students will be immersed in an English-speaking environment.



Westlane S.S. Niagara Falls
www.dsbm.org/schools/Westlane



**St. Catharines Collegiate,
St. Catharines**
www.dsbm.org/schools/Collegiate

Elementary School

Elementary school (primary to junior middle school) includes Grades Kindergarten-Grade 8 for ages 4-13. The school year is September to June and is not semestered, but students may start any time. Students have one main teacher for most of their subjects plus a few teachers for specialty subjects. Students study English, math, science, technology, social studies, the arts, French, health, and physical education.

Class size averages 22 students.

There is an emphasis placed on literacy and numeracy development as well as character education. Schools offer activities such as ice-skating, music, sports, fitness, drama and more. Schools have special education services for students with learning difficulties and ESL services for language improvement. Classrooms have a high proportion of native English speakers so students will be immersed in an English-speaking environment.



Post-secondary Pathways



Niagara is home to Brock University, one of Canada's best for quality education. Also, Niagara is home to Niagara College of Applied Arts & Technology, named "Canada's Most Enterprising." About 95% of international students who graduate grade 12 from the DSBM gain acceptance to reputable universities including Western, Waterloo, Toronto, McMaster and Brock in the province of Ontario and in other universities in the U.S. A. and worldwide.

Homestay Services in Niagara

The Niagara Region has high-quality homestay service providers that have an excellent reputation and can provide legal custodianship services for students under the age of 18 years. These providers help students to find an appropriate family in Niagara who will provide safe and comfortable living accommodations in their home, nutritious meals, assistance identifying extra-curricular activities, and much more, and will ensure students get a true Canadian cultural experience while in Niagara. A few homestay organizations in Niagara are:



www.cespica.com

www.hospitalitecanada.com

niagarastudentservices.com

