

Guide to the School Year

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year

We hope everyone had a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer. Our caring, professional and dedicated school teams have been working hard to prepare to welcome your children back to school.

School Start-Up

At the start of the school year, you will receive:

- **A start-up package** from your child's school that includes important information about your school that you should review.
- Required **start-up forms**. Please take the time to review and complete the forms.



Stay Connected

If you have a question or would like to learn more about our Board, a school or the education system in Ontario, you can:

- Contact the staff at your school, your superintendent, local trustee or Board department. Not sure who to call? Check out this [guide](#).

- Visit the [school website](#).
- Explore our Board website, including our [online newsroom](#), and [Family Resources](#) and [Student Tools and Resources](#) pages.
- Listen to our regular [podcast](#), available on most podcast platforms.
- Connect with us through social media.
- Subscribe to the [Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List](#) to receive information related to supporting Black students, celebrating Black excellence and dismantling anti-Black racism. You can unsubscribe at any time.
- Visit the [Ministry of Education website](#) or their [parent guide to our school system](#).



Online Guide

This online guide will help you quickly access the additional information that you may need throughout the school year. Please note that this page can be translated by using the translate button on the top right.

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Introduction

[Welcome to York Region District School Board](#). We are the third-largest school district in Ontario and one of the largest in Canada. Our students consistently perform above the provincial average and the Board is one of the top achievers in the province.

You can also learn more about [education in Ontario](#) and read the [Ministry of Education Parent's Guide to Our School System](#).

Related Content

[How Can We Help You?](#)[Board of Trustees](#)[Student Trustees](#)
[Policies and Procedures](#)[Human Rights Commissioner's](#)
[Office](#)[Accessibility](#)

Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

All assessment, evaluation and reporting in Ontario schools is based on the policies and practices described in [Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting In Ontario Schools, First Edition, Covering Grades 1 to 12 and Kindergarten](#).

Related Content

[Academic Honesty Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting EQAO Assessments](#)

School Day

We are committed to providing safe, equitable and inclusive learning environments where all of our students know and feel that they matter and belong, and their identities are affirmed. Learn more about the policies, procedures and strategies in place to support student learning, achievement and well-being every day.

School Transportation/Travel to School

Attendance

Before/After School Supervision

Communication Between School and Home

Compulsory School Age

Dress Code

Media Visits to School

Ontario Education Number (OEN)

Ontario Student Records

Personal and School Property

Privacy and Information Access

Research in Schools

School Fees

Student Engagement

Transcript Requests

Use Of Non-Board Electronic Devices

Volunteers

- Elementary School
- Secondary School
- Continuing Education

Welcome to [elementary school](#). Our schools provide warm, welcoming and inclusive learning environments that will support student learning, achievement and well-being.

- [Child care](#)
- [Combined classes](#)
- [Elementary school programs](#)
- [Kindergarten](#)
- [Indigenous Language and International Languages Programs](#) (evenings and weekends)
- [Recess](#)
- [Summer programs](#)

Student Learning

We are committed to supporting student learning, achievement and success. [Curriculum documents](#) identify what students must know and be able to do at the end of every grade or course in every subject in Ontario publicly funded schools.

Learn more about some of our programs to support student learning:

Curriculum-Connected Community Learning Walks

Environmental Responsibility

Experiential Learning

Extracurricular Activities

Field Trips

Homework

Technology Use

Student Support

Our professional and dedicated staff members are committed to supporting our students to be successful. Learn more about some of the supports and opportunities available for our students.

Related Content

[Equity and Inclusive Education](#)[English as a Second Language \(ESL\) and English Literacy Development \(ELD\)](#)[Family Engagement](#)[First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education](#)[Guidance and Career Education](#)[Healthy Schools](#)[Mental Health](#)[School Councils](#)[Special Education](#)[Student Success](#)
[Caring and Safe Schools](#)

Learn more about our commitment to create [caring and safe schools](#).

Please be aware that many of our schools have closed circuit cameras positioned in areas of the school to enhance security both inside and outside the building.

Related Content

[Bullying Prevention](#)[Caring and Safe Schools](#)[Caring and Safe Schools Policy and Procedures](#)[Emergency Preparedness Policy and Procedure](#)

[Police and School Boards Protocol](#)[Report IT](#)[Safe Arrival and Departure](#)[Vaping and E-cigarettes](#)
Equity and Inclusive Education

The Board is committed to ensuring [equitable and inclusive learning environments](#) for all students, staff, families and community members.

Check out our podcast [Tune In YRDSB](#) and our [newsroom](#) to learn more about how we are working to create inclusive, identify-affirming learning and working environments.

Related Content

[Equity and Inclusivity Policy](#)[Centre for Black Student Excellence](#)[Inclusive School and Community Services](#)[Faith Accommodations](#)[Significant Faith Days](#)
[Discriminatory Slurs and Statements Protocol](#)[Protocol for Addressing Incidents of Hate and/or Discrimination](#)
Mental Health, Health and Well-Being

Mental health and well-being are a priority for us. Learn more about how we are working to support [healthy schools and workplaces](#) and [mental health](#). For more information, read the [Student Health Supports policy and procedures](#).

Visit the [Health Issues](#) page for important information about:

- accident/illness
- allergies and scent sensitivities
- concussion awareness, prevention and management
- handwashing
- head lice
- immunization
- medication
- and more

Access information and resources related to [COVID-19](#).

Related Content

[Mental HealthSchool Psychological ServicesSchool Social Workers](#)