



FCJ Refugee Centre

Walking With Uprooted People

TCDSB & TDSB School Enrollment Process

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The land on which we gather today is the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas, Anishnabeg, Chippewa, Haudenosaunee and Wendat, and is now home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

We also recognize that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and by the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississauga and Chippewa bands.





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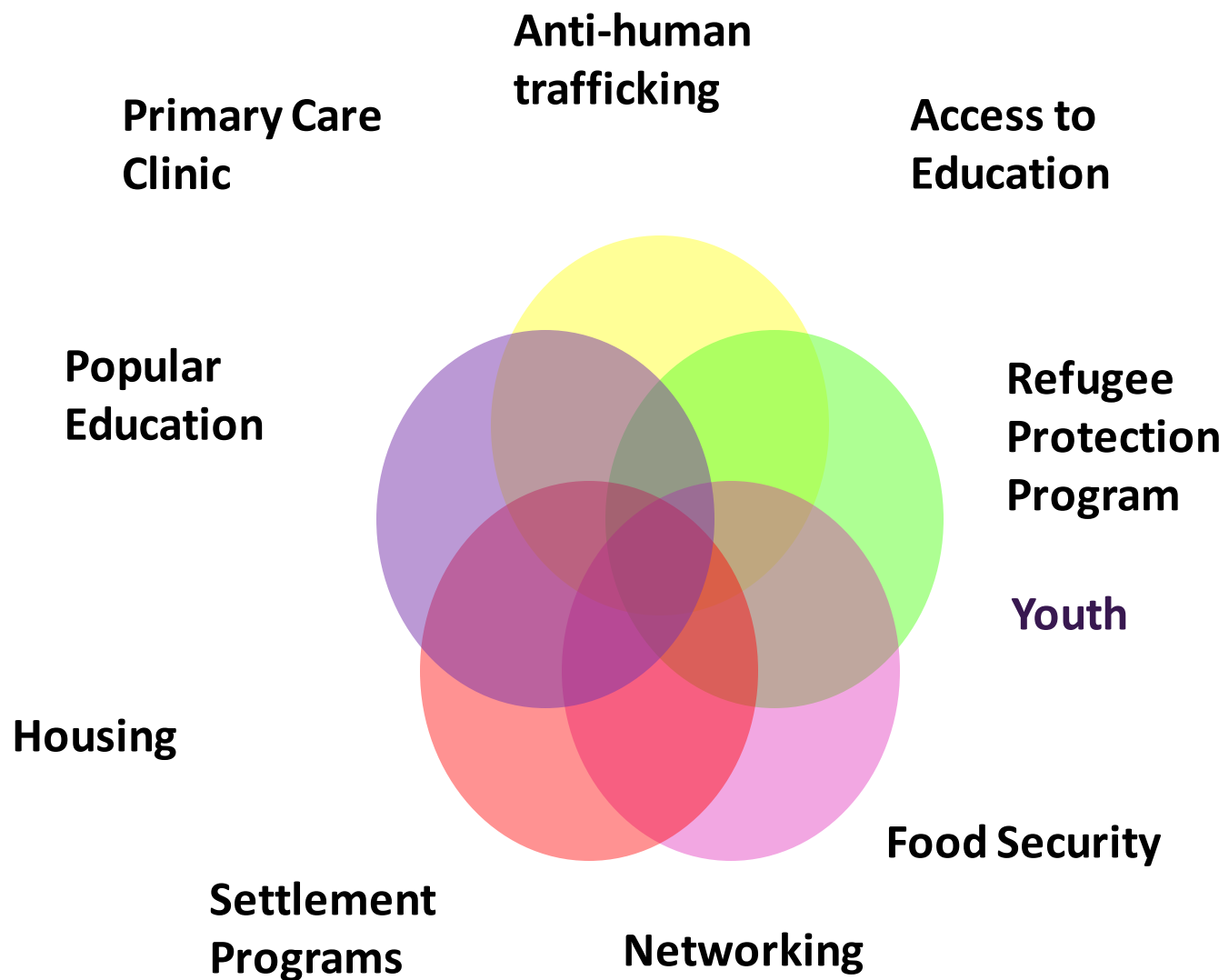
FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE WALKING WITH UPROOTED PEOPLE

- We are a non-profit organization which serves refugees and others at risk due to their immigration status
- We welcome anyone asking for advice, counsel and support regarding these issues.
- We address systemic issues that newly arrived refugee claimants and persons with precarious immigrations status face in Canada including lack of resources, marginalization, and discrimination.



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THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN CANADA

- Education in Canada is provincially administered
- The Ministry of Education is the Ontario government ministry responsible for government policy, funding, curriculum planning and direction at all levels of public education, including elementary and secondary schools.



Regularized vs. Precarious Status

- **Examples of Regularized Status:**

- Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Convention Refugee
- Protected person
- International student*
- Visitor*

- **Examples of Precarious Status:**

- Refugee Claimants
- Refused Refugee Claimants
- International student*
- Visitor*
- Those caught in limbo due to immigration policy changes
- Victims & Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Those involved in sponsorship breakdown
- Anyone without official immigration status living in Canada



Education Act

Section 49.1

Section 49.1 was added to the *Education Act* in 1993 to ensure that minor children are not denied an education because of their immigration status or that of their parents. The section reads as follows:

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A person who is otherwise entitled to be admitted to a school and who is less than eighteen years of age shall not be refused admission because the person or the person's parent or guardian is unlawfully in Canada.



The Rules of the Game.

ACCESS TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

- School-age children who have arrived in Canada as visitors must wait 6 months before entering school.
- School-age children who have filed a refugee claim at the port of entry can enter immediately, as they will have the Acknowledgement of Claim (AOC) letter.
- School-age children who have filed a refugee claim in-country must wait to receive their refugee documents to enter school.
- School-age children whose parents hold a valid study or work permit before the child enrolls in school enjoy the same fee exemption as domestic students.



Educational System in Toronto

- Ministry of Education
- TDSB (Toronto District School Board)
- TCDSB (Toronto Catholic District School Board)





TCDSB (TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD)

- Newly arrived students will be supported directly at the home school at the elementary level (ages 4-13).
- Newly arrived students in High School (ages 14 to 18) will generally be directed to the Guidance Center for an English and Math Assessment Test to assign their Grade level and assign them to a school.

Book an Appointment Today

We provide services to families who have students between the **ages of 14-20** who wish to attend a TCDSB secondary school and are new to Canada, have been away from Canada for more than one year or have relocated from Quebec.

Contact us to book an appointment.

Email: orientation_centre@tcdsb.org

Phone: 416-393-5500

TDSB (TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD)

- Newly arrived students will be directed to the Office of Admissions and International Students.

Email: studytoronto@tdsb.on.ca

Telephone: 416-395-8120

Fax: 416-395-8476

Mail:

**International Students and
Admissions Office**

Toronto District School Board

5050 Yonge Street 1st floor

Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M2N 5N8



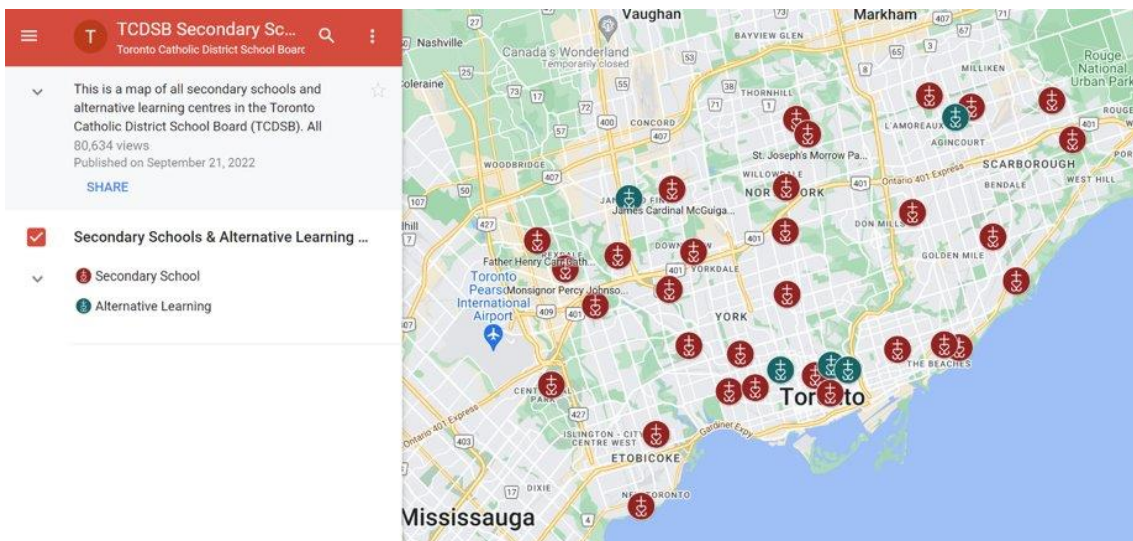
WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED?

- Passport (parents + child(ren))
- Birth certificate (child(ren))
- 2 different proofs of address (can be a rental contract, bank statement/letter, phone bill, utility bill, etc.)
- Refugee status documents if you are a refugee (parent(s) + child(ren)); or
- Entry stamps/airline tickets/boarding passes from the day you entered Canada if you do not have refugee status (parent(s) + child(ren)); or
- Immigration documents if you hold a study/work permit (parent(s) + child(ren))

For TCDSB registration, there is an additional document.

- Baptismal Certificate (child(ren)/or parent) [REQUIRED ONLY IN PRIMARY SCHOOL].

HOW TO FIND YOUR LOCAL TCDSB SECONDARY SCHOOL?

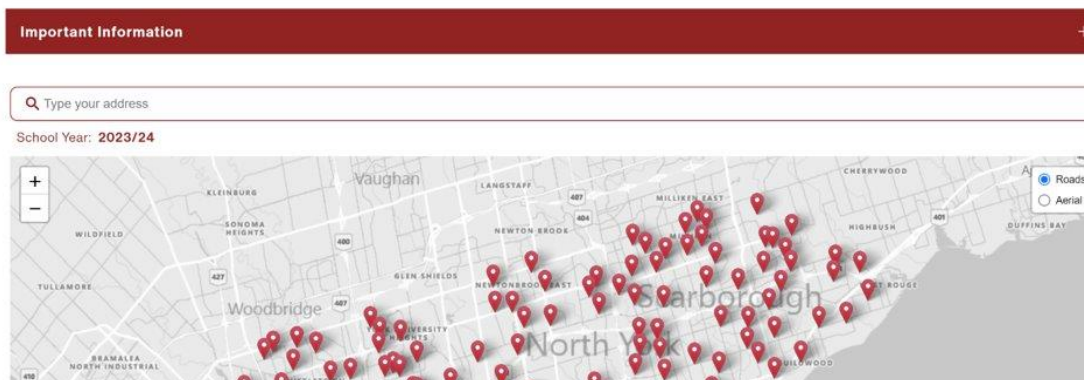


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HOW TO FIND YOUR LOCAL TCDSB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

Elementary School Locator

Use our school locator to find your local Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) elementary schools.



[CLICK HERE!](#)



HOW TO FIND YOUR LOCAL TDSB SCHOOL?

Find Your School By Address

Find Your School by Searching the Street Name

To find the school that serves your residential address for REGULAR PROGRAMS, please enter the name of your street.

NOTE: do not add street number, street type, or punctuation.
(For example, type in st andrews, instead of 100 St. Andrew's St.)

Number of Records Per Page:

Find the Streets in Your School Attendance Area

To find all streets in a school attendance area, please select a school from the dropdown list.

Number of Records Per Page:

[CLICK HERE!](#)

WHERE CAN I ENROLL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT A TCDSB SCHOOL?

- You can enroll your child in the school in person

Or

- You can create an account and enroll online here - [CLICK HERE!](#)



WHERE CAN I ENROLL IN A TDSB ELEMENTARY OR HIGH SCHOOL?

- You can enroll your child in the school in person

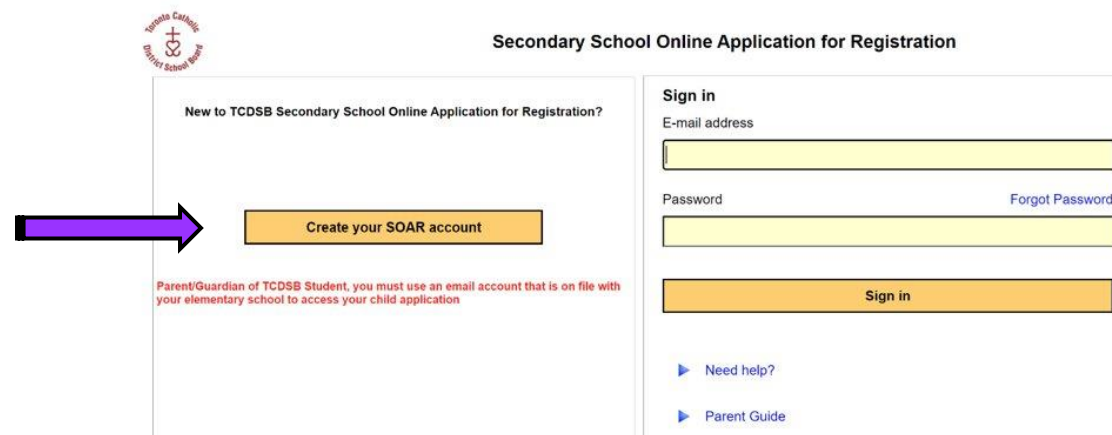
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WHERE CAN I ENROLL IN TCDSB SECONDARY SCHOOL?

- You have to complete the online application and take an assessment test at the Orientation Center.
- You can create an account and register online here - [CLICK HERE!](#)



The screenshot shows the 'Secondary School Online Application for Registration' page. On the left, there is a section titled 'New to TCDSB Secondary School Online Application for Registration?' with a button labeled 'Create your SOAR account'. A purple arrow points to this button. Below the button, there is a note: 'Parent/Guardian of TCDSB Student, you must use an email account that is on file with your elementary school to access your child application'. On the right, there is a 'Sign in' section with fields for 'E-mail address' and 'Password', a 'Forgot Password' link, and a 'Sign in' button. At the bottom of the sign-in section, there are links for 'Need help?' and 'Parent Guide'.



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