



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL
BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

NON-RESIDENT VISA STUDENT FEES

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28)*

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Vision: *IN GOD’S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

Mission: *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 - 2025

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) increase fees for Non-Resident Visa students for the 2024-2025 academic year. The TCDSB does not receive any provincial grants for Non-Resident Visa students.

Business Services and the International Education Department staff recommend raising TCDSB's tuition fees from \$15,500 to \$17,000 per year for both Elementary and Secondary non-resident students. It is also recommended that the application increase from \$350 to \$400. The fee increase will place our fees in line with those set by TDSB (See Appendix A). It is anticipated that by adopting this strategy the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will continue to remain competitive and attract Non-Resident Visa students.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 8 hours.

B. PURPOSE

1. To set the TCDSB Non-Resident Visa student fees for the 2024-2025 academic school year.
2. The increase in tuition will be used to enhance recruitment efforts, increase marketing strategies, and remain competitive with the co-terminus school boards. Please refer to Appendix A to view Non-Resident Visa student fees for coterminous districts.

C. BACKGROUND

1. This is an annual report provided to the Board for its consideration. In 2002, the Board approved a motion requesting staff to prepare an annual report on the setting of Non-Resident Visa student fees and updates on any changes that have occurred with surrounding boards. (See Appendix A)
2. The Ministry sets a minimum, but no maximum for Non-Resident Student Visa fees. In March 2000, the Ministry of Education announced the Regulation made under the Education Act, "Calculation of fees for non-residents" for the 2000-01 school year. The regulation pertaining to the charging of tuition fees to Visa students does not set a maximum on how high the fees should be set, only a required minimum fee since the board does not receive any grants for Visa students.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. Non-Resident Student Visa fee amounts was a topic during budget discussions. Based on an environmental scan of other coterminous boards, staff is recommending that tuition fees are raised from \$15,500 to \$17,000. It is further recommended that the application fee increase from \$350 to \$400. An administration fee of \$40 shall be charged to all students not using the CIBC on-line banking service. Future potential increases will be informed by the ongoing analysis of market forces.
2. The Ministry of Education's Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) have been set for the 2024-2025 academic year at \$12,037 for Elementary and \$12,126 for Secondary. Non-Resident Student Visa fees must be set above these amounts.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Board staff will ensure that the fees for Non-Resident Visa students for September 2024 for TCDSB increase to \$17,000 for both Elementary and Secondary students. In addition, a mandatory fee of \$500 will be charged for Emergency Medical Health Insurance.
2. Board staff will ensure that the application fee for new Non-Resident Visa students will increase to \$400.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) approve the increase of fees for Non-Resident Visa students as outlined in this report.