



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

NON-RESIDENT VISA STUDENT FEES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Psalm 27:1

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<h3>RECOMMENDATION REPORT</h3>		

Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) maintain the fees for Non-Resident VISA students to match the rates established by the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). TCDSB does not receive any provincial grants for Non-Resident Visa students and TDSB is expected to keep its fees for 2017-18 unchanged from 2016-17 at this time.

Business Services staff recommends maintaining TCDSB's fees of \$12,500 and \$14,000 respectively to match the TDSB fees of \$12,500 elementary and \$14,000 secondary. It is anticipated that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will continue to remain competitive and attractive to Non-Resident VISA students for September 2017.

B. PURPOSE

To set the TCDSB Non-Resident VISA student fees for the 2017-18 school year, enhance recruitment efforts and remain competitive with our co-terminus school board, the Toronto District School Board.

C. BACKGROUND

The Committee of the Whole Board during the meeting scheduled for March 2002, approved a motion requesting staff to prepare an annual report on the setting of Non-Resident VISA student fees.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. 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 ceiling on how high the fees should be set, only a required minimum fee since the board does not receive any grants for Visa students. In 2002, the board raised TCDSB fees to achieve relative parity with its co-terminus counterpart for September 2003 and requested annual updates of any changes that occurred with the surrounding boards.

The following is a comparison of Visa Students Fees charged by boards in the GTA:

Note	GTA School Boards	Elementary		
		Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17
1	Dufferin-Peel CDSB	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
2	Durham CDSB	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200
3	Durham DSB	\$12,400	\$12,700	\$13,000
4	Halton DSB	\$12,500	\$13,000	\$13,000
5	Halton CDSB	\$12,000	\$12,500	\$12,500
6	Peel DSB	n/a	n/a	n/a
7	Toronto DSB	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
8	Toronto CDSB	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
9	York Region DSB	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
10	York Region CDSB	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000

Note	GTA School Boards	Secondary		
		Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17
1	Dufferin-Peel CDSB	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
2	Durham CDSB	\$13,300	\$13,300	\$13,300
3	Durham DSB	\$13,600	\$13,900	\$14,200
4	Halton DSB	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$14,000
5	Halton CDSB	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,500
6	Peel DSB	\$13,500	\$14,000	\$14,000
7	Toronto DSB	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
8	Toronto CDSB	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
9	York Region DSB	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,750
10	York Region CDSB	\$13,750	\$13,200	\$13,200

NOTES:

- 1 Plus \$250 admin fee, no health insurance, no housing services
- 2 Plus \$250 admin fee, no health insurance, no housing services
- 3 No health insurance, no housing services
- 4 Plus \$325 admin fee, no health insurance, no housing services
- 5 Plus \$300 admin fee, no health insurance, no housing services
- 6 Not available for students under 14 years old; \$540 mandatory health insurance; optional MLI or Nacel homestay/meals services
- 7 Plus \$200 admin fee, Includes health insurance, no housing services
- 8 Plus \$200 admin fee, mandatory insurance at an additional cost of \$500 per year
- 9 Plus \$300 admin fee; health insurance extra \$450 for 1 year, housing services extra (\$300 admin fee, \$500 security deposit, \$11550 10 month accommodation, \$1500 custodianship per year)
- 10 Plus \$200 admin fee for new students and \$100 for returning students; mandatory health insurance (\$450 for 1 year), no housing services

The Ministry of Education’s Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) requires a minimum VISA tuition fee charge of \$10,662 for elementary and \$11,544 for secondary.

In 2001, Ministry of Education officials were contacted and their opinion sought. They verbally replied that the regulations on Non-resident students allowed boards to charge up to what the market would bear. In this case, for 2017, the market in Toronto could bear up to \$12,500 for an elementary visa student and \$14,000 for a secondary visa student as can be seen by the Toronto District School Board’s fees. In order to continue our recruitment efforts and to continue to remain competitive, TCDSB establishes its fees at the same level as the co-terminus school board.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the fees for Non-Resident VISA students for September 2017 for Toronto Catholic District School board be maintained at the same level as the fees established by the TDSB of \$12,500 elementary and \$14,000 secondary as follows:

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Yearly Fee</u>	<u>Pro-Rated Fee</u>
Elementary	\$12,500	or \$1,250 per month
Secondary (under 21)	\$14,000	or \$1,400 per month
Secondary (over 21-Fraser)	\$14,000	or \$1,500 per additional course

In the event TDSB or surrounding boards increase/decrease their fees for the 2017/2018 school year, TCDSB staff will reevaluate and recommend a new tuition fee.