

private school for advanced knowledge



# DISCOVERY ACADEMY for International Students



# Discovery Academy Private School

Discovery Academy is a private, non-denominational, coeducational school that offers all academic subjects leading to university/college programs.

Students can enter the programs in September, January, May, July and August. All of Discovery Academy high school graduates receive the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

100% of our graduates have been accepted to the university or college of their choice every year. Many have been awarded with scholarships. Why?

Here are the reasons for our success:

- Great, Dedicated, Highly Qualified Teachers with PH and Master Degrees.  
**Some of our teachers are Universities teachers and professors.**
- Superior Curriculum.
- Small Class Sizes (8-12 students)
- Individual Approach to Learning
- Flexible Schedule and Individualized Timetables
- Computer Lab
- Free one-to-one remedial and tutoring programs are also available on a regular basis
- **We continue providing help to our students during their universities careers**
- ESL Programs and TOEFL
- Wealth of Clubs, Sports and Arts
- University Preparatory Courses and Total Personal Support with University Applications
- Outstanding Modern and Secure Facilities

Our philosophy is to focus equally on both local students and international students.

We know the universities programs and their expectations and prepare students to universities requirements. **As a fact, none of our students failed college /university program.**





# International Student Services

We provide international students with all kinds of student services, including:

- Homestay services
- Visa services
- Airport pickup/drop off services
- Guardianship services
- Medical services





## Support for International Students

Discovery Academy Private School Academic ESL program prepares high school international students for regular local high school courses at all grade levels. Students in this program obtain credits from the Ontario Ministry of Education that can be used towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Discovery Academy also provides ESL courses on a daily basis for international students, based on their individual level of English proficiency. In addition to the standard international student services, such as homestay and visa support services, Discovery Academy provides extra personal support for international students, both academically and emotionally, on campus and off campus, and within and after school hours. Every international student receives the individual attention and help needed to develop their skills, strengths and personal interests, ensuring that they study and live in Canada in a healthy and fully supportive environment.





## Community and Location

### **8199 Yonge Street, Suite # 301, Thornhill, Ontario**

Thornhill is a town located next to the city of Toronto. Thornhill is a family friendly city with a culturally diverse community, committed to the quality of its private and public schools. Thornhill offers easy access via public transportation, highways and Yonge street to a wealth of cultural opportunities in and around the city of Toronto. Discovery Academy lies on a major bus routes and in close proximity to Toronto, major shopping malls, dining establishments and cultural venues.

Ontario has the most universities of any province in Canada and is home to many of Canada's top universities.

Toronto is a Canadian educational, cultural and economic centre with a long tradition of encouraging multicultural diversity. The area offers a rich selection of museums, universities, medical facilities, performing arts, sports teams, and recreational opportunities.



## Curriculum (college and university levels):



If you are international students and have successfully passed the Advanced Level ESL Courses, you will be placed in either Grade 11 or Grade 12 university preparation courses. The number of OSSD credit courses you must take will depend on OIC Principal's evaluation and assessment of your previous academic background. If you have a high school diploma from your home country, you will have to complete a minimum of seven University Preparation courses to pursue further studies at a Canadian or American university. You can choose between the courses to prepare for university studies in the area of your choice. Your **Educational Counselors** are always there to advise you on course and program selection. You will receive tailored guidance on how to secure admission into one of Canadian universities.

**Mathematics:** Advanced Mathematics, Calculus and Vector, Principles of Mathematics, Foundation of Mathematics, Function and Relations, Mathematics for Personal Finance, Mathematics of Data Management, AP Calculus AB, Mathematics for College Technology

**IT:** Computer Information Studies,

Computer Engineering

**Science:** Biology, Physics, Chemistry  
Business Studies: Introduction to Business, Introduction to Technology to Business,

Economy, Introduction to Financial Accounting, Introduction to Marketing, Introduction to International Business, Analyzing Current Economic Issues

**Languages:** English, French, Canadian Literature, Studies in Literatures

**General Studies:** Challenge and Change in Society, World History of 16th Century, Canadian History in the 20th Century, Canadian and World Politics, American History, Understanding Canadian Law, Canadian and International Law, Civic Studies, Geography of Canada, Regional Geography: Travel and Tourism, Art, Drama, Careers Studies, Issues in Human Growth and Development





# Report Cards and Marks

During the semester, each student will receive a mid-term report and a final report. The mid-term report will include a percentage mark based on the work done. At the end of the semester, the final report includes the final percentage mark for the student in each course, and indicates the number of credits gained in the semester. Each student has on record an Ontario School Record (OSR) folder in which copies of report cards are kept. Parents, and students over the age of 18, may see their OSR folder upon submission of a formal request to the Principal.

The Discovery Academy will send parents a copy of a student's mid-term report and final report every semester.

| School Facts            |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Diploma                 | OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma) |
| Program levels          | JK - grade 12                           |
| Private vs Public       | private                                 |
| Year Program Founded    | 2005                                    |
| Hours of Instruction/wk | variable                                |

| Student Profile       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Student Ages          | 4 – 18+ |
| Class Sizes           | 8-12    |
| School Size(s)        | 200     |
| Student Teacher Ratio | 12:1    |





**Discovery Academy** reserves the right to provide refunds on Tuition Fees only in cases where Study Permit is denied by the Canadian Immigration Authorities. A refund will be issued within 5 business days upon the **Discovery Academy** receiving the following documents:

- A letter from the student, requesting the refund
- Original Letter of Acceptance from the College
- Original Official Receipt of the Tuition Fees issued by the College
- Original Letter of Rejection of Student Authorization from the Canadian embassy, high commission or consulate.

\* The Application Fee is non-refundable. For other situations, the Principal of the **Discovery Academy** will make the appropriate decision.





## Admissions at a Glance

**Application Fee:**

**C\$ 150**

Minimum English Requirements: no minimum level is required

Minimum Academic Requirements: students are evaluated on an individual basis; good behavior is also a criteria for admission

Application Deadlines: year-round admissions

To apply, students should send their completed application form along with official report cards for the current school year and the last two school years, as well as four recent passport-size photographs.





## Annual Expenses (C\$)

**Int'l Tuition and Fees**

**\$12,500**

**Books and Lab Fees**

**\$200 - 400**

Our High School (Grades 9-12) **tuition fee** covers 110 hours of instruction for each credit course, as well as the student's participation in various school programs, including our free tutoring program. Additional charges will be levied during the school year with respect to texts, certain field trips, etc.

**Our Activity / Materials fee** covers the vast majority of all school-sponsored local trips/activities and transportation (excluding admission fees to specific events or venues), school supplies and materials, phys-ed and music equipment, and the delivery of other extra-curricular activities and programs throughout the school year.

**Medical Insurance:** It is strongly recommended that international students buy Medical Insurance upon their arrival in Canada, as hospital and other medical costs can be potentially very expensive. Medical Insurance coverage costs

approximately CDN \$450 per year.

**Homestay:** Our Homestay program provides international students with the opportunity to live with a caring and friendly Canadian family in a comfortable and safe home-away-from-home environment. Homestay students will have the ability to live, learn, and experience the very best of North American culture and values in warm and friendly living conditions, ensuring their happiness and wellbeing and allowing them to stay focused on their studies. Homestay costs range from **CDN \$800 to CDN \$1,000** every month, depending upon students' requests and choices.





## Extra-Curriculum Activities

1. **Math Advanced:** In depth knowledge of Math, Math contest preparation and participation.
2. **World Studies Club**  
Delivers deep insights into the dynamics of the Earth system and its relationship with society. It explores factors and forces to shape our world and environments in which we live. Within this course, students get a more profound understanding of the Earth's geology, oceans and biosphere as well as human responsibilities and roles in this complex interplay.
3. **Fine Art and Computer Graphics.**  
Any child can learn the ability to sense light and space. The program is led by one of Toronto's best graphic designers, a director of large design firm, and simply a spectacular educator. Computer graphics and animation is a hobby that may become one of the most demanded fields in the near future.
4. **IQ:** Students learn and compete against each other playing educational games that increase student's knowledge base and develop the mind to think in complex ways to problem solve.
5. **Website programming:** Students will have lots of fun developing their own web site. Top three student websites will receive a certificate for best design and programming.
6. **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** Students learn an A.I. programming language and will be able to program complex AI systems that perform decision making to problems with many variables. *(Continue...)*





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7. **Programming Games:** Each class students learn new programming techniques and skills while developing a simple game. Throughout the entire semester, in the second half of each class, students will work on developing a complex game of their choice and design.
8. **Graphics design and Animation:** Students will learn 3D modeling and how to design scenes with realistic shading and many other elements. Student will learn physics and math in order to accurately design 3D models and animate their functions.
9. **iPhone and iPod Touch Applications Programming** (grade 11 and 12)  
Students will learn how to program their own interactive games using the feedback responses on the iPhone or iPod Touch, as well as any other utility the students can dream up.
10. **Leadership Development:** Students will learn how to make persuasive arguments, compete in debates with other students, and be trained to become leaders. They will learn the important life skills that will ensure their success in any field.
11. **Chess:** Our chess club welcomes players of all ages and strengths. Chess is the most popular board game, and it is equally as important in the development of a child's mental abilities. From small group tournaments, to high-ranking competitions, we teach our students to think strategically.
12. **TOEFL, IELTS.** Discovery Academy is a certified TOEFL Centre. In small classes and friendly environment you could prepare to the tests the best and shortest way.





# University Placement

The goal and one of the Discovery Academy highest priorities are to help our students with their university placement requirements.

Our services include:

- Help students develop specific education plans based on various university entry requirements
- Assist students with their research and selection of universities that best meet students' individual academic strengths, interests, and career goals
- Help students apply to their selected universities, ensuring that all the required documents are appropriately completed and submitted on time
- Assist students with scholarship application
- Upon student request, provide a Letter of Recommendation from the Principal
- Provide free workshops on university application, university programs, and university life
- Invite universities to visit our campus to give briefings on their programs and admission requirements, as well as offering interviews
- Organize student visits to the universities that they wish to attend
- Contact university admission officers, registrars, or faculty deans on behalf of our students to arrange personal interviews or to resolve any potential problems during the application process

