

PICKERING COLLEGE

ESL Boarding Academy



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Newmarket, Ontario, Canada



The ESL Boarding Academy Curriculum



ESL BOARDING ACADEMY AT PICKERING COLLEGE

Pickering College is a warm, vibrant and supportive community of dedicated and caring staff, families and friends. It is a place where students are supported and challenged in their learning so that they may accomplish their goals and follow their dreams. ESL Boarding Academy students at Pickering College are in Grades 9 to 11. Students will live in one of our boarding residences or houses, with 24/7 supervision from boarding staff.

Small Classes

The ESL Boarding Academy is a small, family style program where students will learn from each other and from their teachers as they work together. In addition to the hot meals provided in our Dining Hall, they have access to their own kitchen to prepare snacks together and socialize in the evenings. They have a family-style dinner once a week where they sit together and plan special group activities. The small size of the program facilitates a close-knit community. In the evening program students learn skills necessary to live independently and to successfully transition to residence life at university.

Supervision and Safety

In addition to the designated teachers in the ESL Boarding Academy program, each house is overseen by a live-in House Parent who is responsible for maintaining the educational, moral, physical, emotional and social well-being of the students. The campus is very secure, with 24-hour electronic security monitoring of all access points. Students have access to our nurses and Health Services team and are closely monitored through our app, REACH, if they qualify for sign-out privileges.



- All academic credits are designed with ESL learners in mind to cover required content as well as to teach English through conversation, written word and reading.
- Using Ontario credits gives our students experience in Canadian learning styles and assessment expectations through a rigorous and varied program.
- All content is adapted to include Canadian topics, a range of Canadian teaching styles and current topics of interest to students.
- Grade 9 students will take the required courses English, Math, Science and Geography. In addition to this, they will take ESL and Physical Education both semesters.
- Grade 10 students will take the required courses English, Math, Science, Careers, Civics and History. In addition to this, they will take ESL and Physical Education both semesters.
- All students will take the TOEFL Junior test – Pickering College is an approved TOEFL Junior testing site.
- Students participate in our trailblazing Global Leadership Program through community engagement projects and are eligible for a Global Leadership Certificate.
- Enhanced ESL curriculum teaches skills in public speaking, groupwork, research processes and writing styles.
- Workshops on university preparation are linked with visits to local universities.
- Learning skills – independent work, collaboration, self-regulation, initiative, organization, responsibility, frequent excursions are planned to enrich the curriculum.
- Evening study time – students have supervised self-guided time to work on projects assigned during the day.
- Parents will receive a midterm and final report on student progress each semester.
- Students will be offered early assessment of their application for admission to Pickering College.

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Example Schedule

7:30 – 8:15	Hot breakfast in Dining Hall
8:30 – 10:15	Class 1 – ESL
10:15 – 10:30	Morning Snack
10:30 – 11:45	Class 2 – Math
11:45 – 1:00	Lunch in Dining Hall
1:00 – 2:00	Class 3 – Physical and Experiential Education
2:00 – 3:15	Class 4 – History
3:30 – 4:30	Co-curricular Activities on Main Campus
4:30 – 5:30	Free time
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner in the Dining Hall
6:30 – 8:00	Study Time
8:00 – 8:30	Evening snack
9:00 – 10:00	Evening activities
10:00	Settling down for bed

Beyond the Classroom



ATHLETICS, THE ARTS AND CLUBS

All students are required to participate in a sport or club throughout the school year. The school's extensive co-curricular program offers students the opportunity to discover their potential and to develop skills and talents beyond the classroom. As students grow and broaden their interests, the co-curricular program offers an outlet for creativity, self-expression, athleticism and skill sharing, which fuels inspired learning in all aspects of school.

Athletics include:	Arts include:	Clubs include:
Soccer	CHOP FM (Pickering College's Radio Station)	Debate
Basketball	Jazz Band	Co-curricular council
Ultimate Frisbee	Musical theatre	Yearbook
Softball	Drama	Arts council
Equestrian	Creative Writing	Green Team
Skiing	Filmmaking	YAO – Youth Action Organization
Track and Field	Fine arts and crafts	
Volleyball		
Mountain biking		

EVENING AND WEEKEND PROGRAM

Pickering College runs a dynamic evening activity program after study period as well as a robust program of weekend activities, where students can learn a new skill and meet new friends.

Weekly Evening Activities (After Study) – Free!

Fall	Winter	Spring
Walmart Trips	Walmart Trips	Walmart Trips
Upper Canada Mall	Upper Canada Mall	Upper Canada Mall Yoga
Yoga	Skating	Yoga
Outdoor Fire Pit	Dance	Outdoor Fire Pit
Conditioning	Yoga	Conditioning
Volleyball Skills	Baking	Badminton
Soccer	Cooking	Walking Club to Main Street
Board Games	Indoor Soccer	Board Games
Cooking	Board Games	Baking



Long Weekends

There are typically five long weekends during the year. During long weekends, residences remain open and students are expected to join in on activities organized for those days. On the February long weekend, the school offers an optional organized ski trip to Blue Mountain Resort.

School Closed*

Mid-December to early January – 2 weeks (December Holiday)

Mid-March to End-March – 2 weeks (Spring Break)

(No school trips planned)

*Students must leave residence, no organized trips offered.

September Activities

Mini Golf (mandatory)

Boat Cruise (mandatory)

Canada's Wonderland Amusement Park

YMCA Cedar Glen (mandatory)

MLB Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Game

CN Tower and Ripley's Aquarium

Apple Orchard

University Fair (lunch included)

October Activities

Screamers Exhibition Place, Toronto

Paintball

Dave and Busters

Theatre Show

Laser Tag

University Tours (lunch included)

November Activities

Indoor Mini Putt

Vaughan Mills Shopping Trip.

Medieval Times

Santa Claus Parade

December Activities

Outdoor Skating Party, Newmarket!

Yorkdale Shopping Trip

St. Lawrence Market

Distillery District Christmas Market

Paint Class

Swimming

January – March Activities

Ski Trips almost every weekend, Snow Valley/

Mount St.Louis/Blue Mountain Resort

Toronto Marlies Hockey Game

Coffee House – Talent Show!

NBA Toronto Raptors Basketball Game

Dave and Busters

Toronto Outlet Mall

Snow Tubing

April Activities

IMAX Movie

Paintball

Toronto Football Club Game

Archery Tag

MLB Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Game

Eaton Centre Shopping

Cooking Class

May Activities

Pickering College Multicultural Dinner

(families/custodians are welcome to attend)

Queen Street Shopping

Canada's Wonderland Amusement Park

Paintball

Anime North

Mini Putt Outdoor

NOTE: Activities presented here are provided as examples of activities from previous years and are subject to change.

Custodial Information

Pickering College welcomes students from across Canada and around the world. To help ensure your child is fully supported and has a successful experience at the school, each boarding student must have a legal custodian while attending school. Please read the following information carefully.

What is a “legal custodian”?

A custodian is another adult formally appointed by the parents, who lives in close proximity to the school and has agreed to protect the interests of your child while he or she is at Pickering College.

Expectations: What do custodians do?

Custodians play an important role in your child’s safety and happiness away from home, and in providing you with some peace of mind. In addition to completing a notarized custodianship declaration required for Study Permit and/or Visa purposes, the role of a custodian includes:

- Providing general support to your child and acting as contact with the school;
- Giving permission for your child to participate on field trips;
- Helping your child renew their visa, study permit or other documentation needed for them to legally reside and study in Canada;
- Being responsible for your child during holidays, school closures, illness or suspensions;
- Providing guidance to your child if he or she is facing challenges (academic or otherwise) at school and
- Participating in parent-teacher interviews.

The custodian is NOT financially responsible for the student.

Who can be a custodian?

A legal custodian must be over the age of 21, a Canadian citizen, speak English well, live in close vicinity to the school and be willing and able to perform all of the functions listed above. (We regret that Pickering College and its staff are not able to provide the services of legal custodian).

Why do I need to appoint a custodian for my child?

Any student, whose parents do NOT currently reside in Ontario, is required to have a legal custodian arrangement in place during the whole time in which they are a student at Pickering College, no matter the age of the student.

How do I appoint a custodian?

There are two ways: a family may identify their own custodian or pay for custodial services through an outside agency.



Appointing Your Own Custodian:

If you are appointing your own custodian (e.g. a relative or friend):

- Ensure the custodian you are appointing understands and agrees to perform the functions described above in “Custodian Expectations” and meets all the requirements of “who can be a custodian”
- Have both parties (parents and custodian) complete the required forms available at:
www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/pub/custodian-parent.pdf
- Arrange to have the documents notarized by a Notary Public or Lawyer
- Advise Pickering College of the name, address, phone numbers (day and evening) and email for the designated custodian
- Provide original copies of the notarized custodianship documents to Immigration Canada as required in the study permit application process and copies to Pickering College.
- Update the custodian appointment on an annual basis.

Appointing An Outside Agency

If you do not have family or friends in Ontario who can act as a custodian on behalf of your child, you will be required to pay an outside agency for custodial services. Pickering College has secured the services of the International Student Guardianship Canada Inc. (ISGC), a local company that specializes in providing custodial services to boarding students. If you would like more information about the ISGC Custodianship program please check the company’s website at www.isguardianshipcanada.com

2023-2024 ESL BOARDING ACADEMY FEES-AT-A-GLANCE Canadian and USD Dollars*

		CANADIAN	USD
REGISTRATION			
Application Fee	Upon application	\$ 200	\$ 147
Enrolment	Upon enrolment	\$ 1,000	\$ 738

EXPENSES "FEES AT A GLANCE" & Payment Plan Options			
"Fee at a Glance"	Tuition	\$ 74,940	\$ 55,455
Option 1: Full	Payment in full before April 13, 2023 \$500 CAD discount	\$ 74,440	\$ 55,086
Option 2: 20% - 80%	20% Upon enrolment	\$ 14,988	\$ 11,091
	80% Before June 30, 2023	\$ 59,952	\$ 44,364

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES- Approximate amounts			
MANDATORY			
Health Insurance	August. Mandatory to be enrolled in the plan from Pickering College	\$ 995	\$ 746
Laptop	August. Pickering College laptop highly recommended	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,679
Uniform	September. Including shoes	\$ 750 – \$ 1,000	\$ 554 – \$ 738
Books and Supplies	September. Buy back program at the end of the school year	\$ 400	\$ 296
Mandatory Trips	Academic and Boarding trips	\$ 550	\$ 403

TOTAL REGISTRATION, FEES AT GLANCE AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES		\$ 81,335 CAD	\$ 60,188 USD
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IF REQUIRED OR OPTIONAL			
TRP Tuition Refund Plan	August. Optional if Tuition is paid in full by August 31, 2023	\$ 1,080	\$ 799
Custodianship	August. If required, packages available from \$1,800 CAD	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,350
Deck Your Dorm Room	Bedding, towels, organization containers and storage bins for your room	\$ 300	\$ 225
NOT INCLUDED			
Boarding Weekend Activities		\$ -	\$ -
Sports	Tennis, equestrian, ski, snowboard, skating, swimming will have a cost	\$ -	\$ -
Personal Expenses	\$ 50 – \$ 70 CAD week approx.	\$ -	\$ -
Air tickets		\$ -	\$ -

*USD Exchange Rate as of December 14, 2022 - Rates may vary. \$1 CAD = \$0.74USD

For more information, please visit our website at www.pickeringcollege.on.ca or call (905) 895-1700 or email admission@pickeringcollege.on.ca



HOW TO APPLY TO PICKERING COLLEGE

Our admission decisions are based on a number of factors including academic potential, developmental readiness, social responsibility to handle our rigorous academic program with success, English language proficiency, as well as our desire to maintain diversity.

Step One:

- Apply online at www.pickeringcollege.on.ca/apply

Step Two:

Upload the following documents to your online applicant checklist:

- Report cards for current school year and final report cards from previous three years (translated into English)
- Student Essay (answers to the questions below)
 1. Tell us why you wish to attend Pickering College.
 2. Describe in detail your strengths and weaknesses.
 3. What academic, sports and social subjects interest you most? Why?
 4. Tell us about an organization or club to which you belong (e.g., swimming club, Girl Guides, soccer club, etc.).
 5. Give us a brief summary of your interests (e.g. sports, music, arts, hobbies) including level of involvement and accomplishments.

- Passport copy for International applicants
- Photo (wallet size)
- Teacher Confidential Report, sent by the teacher in confidence, directly to Pickering College (link provided after submitting online application)
- For students whose first language is not English: results from recent English Language Proficiency Test (e.g. TOFEL Junior, IELTS, Duolingo, CEFR)

Step Three:

Upon receipt of the documents you will be contacted by the Admission Office for a personal interview.

Upon completion of the application process, files are reviewed by our Admission Committee and you will be notified of the admission decision.

For more information, please contact the Admission Office at admission@pickeringcollege.on.ca or by telephone at (905) 895-1700.

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