

Be Yourself...



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Toronto, Ontario Canada Kindergarten to Grade 12 2014 – 2015



Who We Are

Located in the heart of Toronto, Ontario Canada, Hudson College is an independent, university preparatory school that offers a balanced curriculum from Kindergarten to Grade 12. We are fully accredited and inspected by the Ontario Ministry of Education, and offer a full range of credits leading to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).



Mission Statement

To provide students with a set of skills and value positions that will enable each, as individuals, to attain both future personal and academic success for the betterment not only of themselves, but also the wider community.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Over my 35-year career as an educator, I've learned that student needs are best met when programming is personalized. At Hudson College, we're committed to providing complete academic and personal support for each student.

Our Smart Skills Program™ integrates the teaching of key academic skills throughout various courses in each grade level. It ensures that all students have the opportunity to develop essential abilities which will help them achieve their educational goals. This is accomplished through a challenging and rewarding learning environment that has been created by our caring and supportive staff. From the first day of kindergarten, through to Grade 12 graduation, Hudson teachers are truly committed to developing the whole individual.

Hudson's multicultural school population provides a window to the world. This diversity enriches the learning experience through a stimulating environment where global perspectives are shared and international friendships are formed.

If you're looking for a school focused on the individual – where small classes are taught by knowledgeable teachers – you've found it. We offer a safe, nurturing environment which promotes optimal learning and personal growth. At Hudson, we don't just provide a solid foundation; we help each student to thrive!

Welcome to Hudson College.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Bavington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jack Bavington
Principal



"The first thing students and faculty members think of when Hudson comes to mind is how GREAT THE SCHOOL IS. It's the amazing and friendly environment and the great OPEN STYLE of learning. Students not only look at their teachers as teachers, they also view them as MENTORS who guide them through FOUR IMPORTANT YEARS OF THEIR LIFE. "

Marc Mitri - A Hudson High School Graduate

Elementary School Program

Dedicated to Developing the Whole Child



Our Elementary School offers a superior and balanced academic program from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Students study Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, French, Music, Phys-ed, Media Literacy, Art and Drama. A swimming program, a skiing and snowboarding program, a robotics program, a leadership camp, and travel are also offered to different age groups throughout the school year as part of the curriculum.

We strongly support the concept of a healthy mind in a healthy body. Hudson provides a stimulating, challenging and nurturing school environment which supports the development of the whole child, both physically and intellectually.

We also believe that knowledge is best acquired through a series of positive learning experiences. Our students are challenged to build on these experiences as they develop and progress in life and are often recognized and respected for their unique attributes.

Our Elementary School offers international students a personalized ESL program based on each student's English ability. With the daily support of an ESL teacher, international students are quickly able to integrate into our local classes.





SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30am — 8:55am	Before School Program: optional for students up to Grade 5	3:40pm - 3:45pm	Closing Session (Time to review the day's work and homework expectations)
8:55am — 10:00am	Mathematics (All grades)	3:45pm	Dismissal
10:00am — 10:15am	Morning Recess	3:45pm - 4:30pm	Homework Room: optional (Supervised quiet study room)
10:15am — 11:05am	Language Arts (All grades)	4:30pm - 6:00pm	After School Early Care: optional for students up to Grade 5
11:05am — 11:55am	Literacy Blocks & Rotary	Rotary subjects include:	Science, Social Studies, French, Music, Phys-ed, Media Literacy, Art and Drama
11:55am — 12:55pm	Lunch/Outdoor Recess		
12:55pm — 1:45pm	Period 4 (Rotary)		
1:45pm — 2:35pm	Period 5 (Rotary)		
2:35pm - 2:50pm	Afternoon Recess		
2:50pm - 3:40pm	Period 6 (Rotary)		



“Every road does not have to have an end but there will always be a start.’ This shall be my analogy for ‘success’. I personally think to be able to get to a point where you want to be successful, you have to have a well-drawn start. Hudson College in my mind is definitely the right place for you to begin to know what you live for and to give you the courage and confidence to reach your desires.”

RH Truong - A Hudson High School Graduate





High School Program

Building Brighter Futures

Our High School offers an enriched academic program for students from grade 9 to university entrance. We challenge and motivate each student to reach her or his full potential. We ensure that all students receive the kind of individual attention they need to develop their special skills, strengths and interests.

The High School curriculum is fully integrated, using state-of-the-art multimedia technologies from a cross-curricular computer lab and a mobile lab to computer-based teaching exercises in each classroom. It meets and exceeds the Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines, and provides the well-rounded foundation needed for students' future studies beyond Hudson.

Our university admission rate holds a distinguished record every year. Hudson graduates leave us with a strong sense of character, dedication to community and leadership qualities.



HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Our High School offers courses in a variety of subject areas, leading to all university programs. A list of the main courses we provide is shown here. Some courses are compulsory, while others are optional. We develop a personal education plan for each individual student, identifying which courses to study and a timeline for their completion.

Dramatic Arts	Principles of Mathematics	Introduction to Business
Music: Instrumental OR Vocal	Functions	Financial Accounting Fundamentals
Visual Arts	Advanced Functions	Financial Accounting Principles
Media Arts	Mathematics of Data Management	International Business Fundamentals
Dance	Calculus and Vectors	Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals
English	Science	Geography of Canada
French	Biology	Canadian History
Spanish	Chemistry	Civics and Career Studies
English as a Second Language (ESL)	Physics	Individual and the Economy
Presentation and Speaking Skills	Computer Science	Understanding Canadian Law
Writers Craft	Communications Technology (Television Production)	World Geography: Human Patterns
Food and Nutrition	Leadership and Peer Support	Canadian and World Issues
World Religions	Healthy Active Living Education	World History: The West and The World
Intro. Anthropology/Psychology/Sociology	Exercise Science	Analyzing Current Economic Issues
Challenge and Change in Society		Canadian and International Law
Philosophy		

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are also offered to dedicated students in senior-level Mathematics, English, Business and Science.

HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER SYSTEM AND SCHOOL DAY

SEMESTER SYSTEM

Compared to most schools' two-semester system or some schools' non-semester system, our three-semester system offers students a more flexible whole-year schedule. Students are able to focus on fewer courses at one time. Senior students have the opportunity to upgrade a key course within the same school year.

Our high school semester system is as follows:

- Fall Semester (September to December)
- Winter Semester (January to April)
- Spring Semester (May to June)

SCHOOL DAY

9:00 – 12:05 Two class periods
 12:05 – 12:55 Lunch
 12:55 – 4:00 Two class periods
 4:00 – 6:00 After school activities / Tutoring

During the Fall and Winter semesters, one of the four class periods is a Study Period wherein students get extra help, work on assignments, and get skills instruction, etc.



“Like many other parents, we had investigated and taken our son to local open houses to see what high school he was interested in attending. When we attended the open house at Hudson we asked Mr. Bavington if there was a possibility for our son to spend a few hours at the school to experience the environment at Hudson.

I knew it was the right fit for my son when I got the call from him and he said “Mom I love it. This is the high school for me”. Having a comfortable high school environment was one of the most important aspects we considered because we knew it would help our son adapt to the high school life.

We are grateful that Hudson has great teachers who inspire and are focused on developing the students academically and socially. Because of their dedication and support, our son has become a disciplined learner, an active participant of the school community, and a socially responsible citizen.”

Nadia Bove - A Hudson High School Parent

Personalized High School Programs Designed for International Students

HIGH SCHOOL ESL PROGRAM

The High School ESL program prepares international students for study in our local high school courses. It emphasizes reading, writing, and practical speaking skills. Students are also taught the vocabulary they need to succeed in science, mathematics and language arts classes.

The program is community based. Students attend educational field trips that allow them to experience the city of Toronto and the values of its community.

Students are allowed to study ESL and selected local high school courses at the same time if the student's English level is at the intermediate level or above.



PRE-UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Hudson College's Pre-University program is designed for international students who are in the final year of high school or who have just finished high school in their home countries. It offers these overseas students necessary preparation for entrance into Canadian universities.

Students in this program mainly study Ontario grade 12 courses. Selection of these courses will be made with the assistance of our guidance counsellor, based on each student's academic

interests, ability and their desired university programs' entrance requirements. ESL courses will be supplemented, if needed.

The program provides international students with **a quality pathway to all universities throughout Canada and the world.**





Embrace the best of HUDSON

OUR TEACHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

They care deeply about our students' education. They use a variety of methods, excellent resources and technology to inspire students and make learning an enjoyable journey. As students' mentors, coaches and leaders, they participate in all aspects of school life. They are always there to help and support students. They are the best part of Hudson College!

A SAFE SCHOOL

We are indeed a safe and positive learning environment. We are committed to bringing a smile to each student's face and do not tolerate bullying. Our school culture has been proudly built on respect for one another.





LEARNING AT HUDSON IS INDIVIDUALIZED

Our class sizes are small. With an average class size of 15 students our teachers have more one-on-one time. Learning is therefore more effective. Our remedial program and tutoring program are also available to help an individual student improve in a particular area of study. Full guidance and support are always there to help each and every Hudson student draw an individualized "roadmap" of learning.

OUR STUDENTS HAVE SPIRIT

Our student body is comprised of boys and girls from various cultural backgrounds. They are very active in school life, extracurricular activities and volunteer projects. They feel a strong sense of connection to the Hudson community. Our students value diversity, and are enriched by the inherent learning opportunities and experiences offered by a multicultural school environment. Embracing their similarities and differences our students create life-long friendships!

Be Yourself.

University Destinations

To date, 100% of Hudson students have been accepted to the university or college of their choice in Canada or internationally. Many of our students graduate with provincial awards as well as large university scholarships.

Our distinguished university acceptance record can be attributed to the dedication of our teaching staff, the commitment of our students, small class sizes and the personal assistance each student is given for the university application.

University Destinations of Hudson Graduates (2004-2014)

Brock University
Carleton University
Dalhousie University
Lakehead University
McMaster University
McGill University
Mount Allison University

Nipissing University
OCAD University
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
The University of
Western Ontario

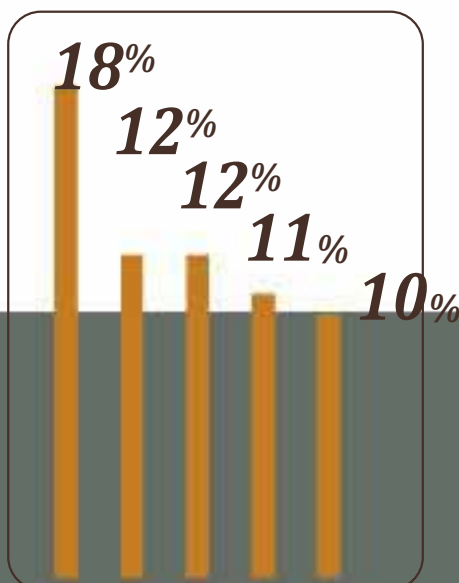
Trent University
University of Guelph
UOIT
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Manitoba

University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES:

Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)
Dow International Medical College (Pakistan)
FIFA, Singidunum University (Serbia)
Musashino Art University (Japan)
Parsons The New School for Design (U.S.A.)
Rutgers University (U.S.A.)
School of the Art Institute of Chicigao (U.S.A.)
Tecnologico de Monterrey (Mexico)
Universidad de las Américas (Mexico)

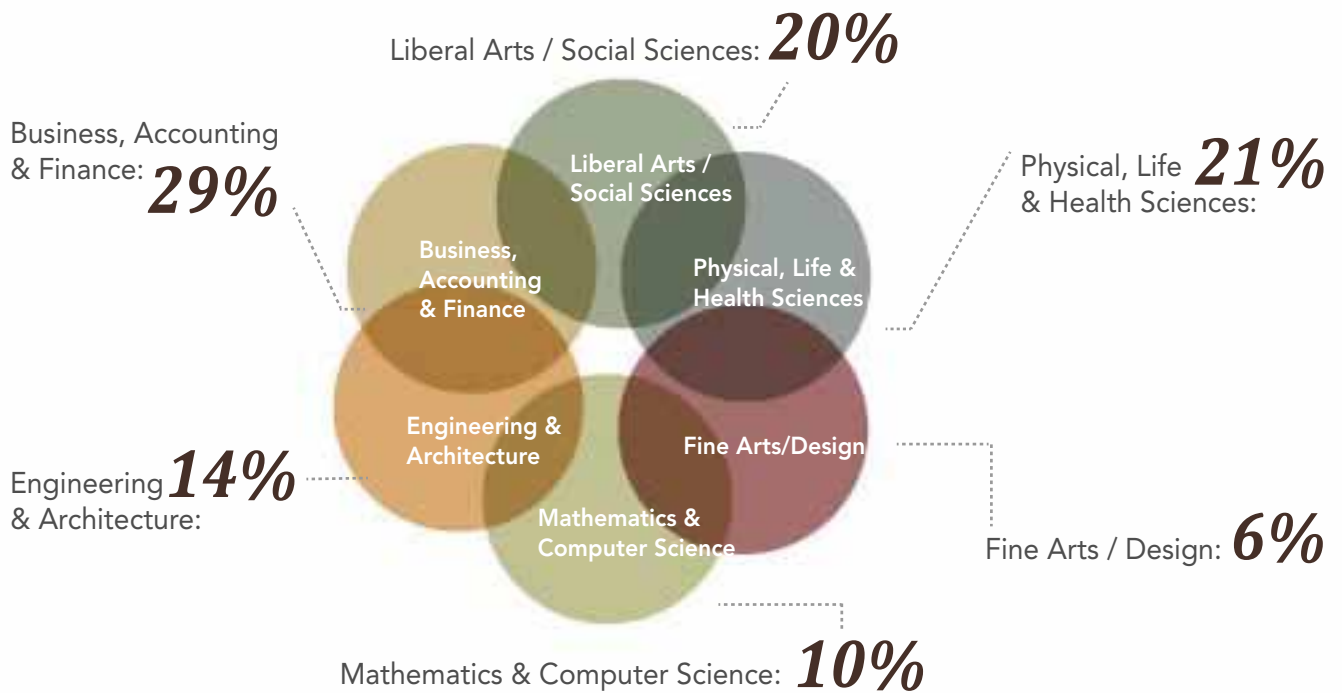
Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos (Mexico)
University of California, Berkeley (U.S.A.)
University of Hong Kong (China)
University of Houston (U. S. A.)
Universidad Justo Sierra (Mexico)
Universidad La Salle de México (Mexico)
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Mexico)
Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil)



TOP 5 Destinations (2004-2014)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO - 18%
RYERSON UNIVERSITY - 12%
YORK UNIVERSITY - 12%
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO - 11%
MCMASTER UNIVERSITY - 10%

Hudson Graduates' Areas of Study (2004-2014)



2014 University Destinations

Carleton University
Commerce

Chulalongkorn University
International Business
Management

Dalhousie University
Commerce (Coop)

McMaster University
Engineering
Social Sciences
Computer Engineering

Nipissing University
BA. Psychology / B.Ed
(Concurrent Teachers)

Ryerson University
Business Management
International Economics and Finance
Early Childhood Studies
Hospitality & Tourism Management
Business Management
Biomedical Science

OCAD
Environmental Design

Queen's University
Arts

Trent University
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

University of British Columbia
Science in Food, Nutrition, & Health

University of Guelph
Psychology
Accounting

University of Ottawa
Financial Math & Economics
Business

University of Toronto
Criminology
Health Science & Kinesiology
Life Sciences
Art and Science

Engineering
Visual Studies
Rotman Commerce
Chemical & Physical Sciences

University of Waterloo
Nanotechnology Engineering
Life Sciences

University of Western Ontario
International Relations
Biotechnology

York University
Psychology
Computer Science



Dear Jack,

I wanted to write you a note thanking you for the experience that my son Alex had at Hudson. We are so grateful and could not be happier. It was lovely to hear everyone's speeches at the graduation ceremony and to see how Hudson really allows its students to develop themselves as individuals. I know this is true for our son.

Hudson College has given him the opportunity to find his passion by furthering his studies at university. We are just so so pleased and grateful for the experience he had at Hudson and it comes from all of the hard work of the teachers and you.

I am a teacher in the public school system and I can see the difference, the support, and the opportunity that Alex has received at Hudson. I wanted to make sure to share this with you as it was very busy at the graduation.

Once again, thank you so much!

Keira David - A Hudson High School Parent

Hudson College offers a wide variety of activities, both inside and outside the school, in the areas of sports, arts, volunteer work and travel.

Our sports teams are known as the Hudson Huskies. Our newsletter is known as the Husky Howler.

Through participation in individual programs and group activities, our students build character, self-confidence, teamwork, pride in their achievements, and life-long friendships. Of course, they have lots of fun too!

Activity Program

• The Rockies House

rockies



• The Great Lakes House

great lakes



• The Prairies House

prairies



• The Maritimes House

maritimes



The Hudson House System fosters a strong sense of community. It encourages healthy competition among Houses, and develops great school spirit!



LEADERSHIP

A large part of our goals at Hudson is to develop young students of character who will be the next leaders of the 21st Century. We teach students from an early age the importance of personal integrity, respect for others, self-discipline, social responsibility, teamwork, and much more as part of our monthly Character Awards that start in Kindergarten.

Much of this character education takes place beyond the classroom and core academic curriculum, forming an integral part of the day-to-day fabric of our school.

We encourage our students to assume leadership roles, pursue their interests, and follow their passions, both inside and outside the classroom. This is accomplished through many various co- and extra-curricular activities offered at Hudson.





FRIENDSHIP



CREATIVITY

HUDSON CLUBS & SPORTS TEAMS

There are numerous clubs and activities to excite and inspire Hudson students throughout the year. Based on students' interests, Hudson offers many clubs, programs, and activities either at lunch time or after school. These include:



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONTRIBUTION AT HUDSON

- Chess Club
- Cooking Club
- Debate Club
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Club
- Hudson Helpers
- Helping Hands Committee
- Green Huskies
- Environmental Club
- Languages Club
- Lego Robotics Club
- Mad Science Club
- Math Café

SCHOOL SPIRIT AT HUDSON

- Yearbook
- Husky Howler Newsletter
- Prom Committee
- Student Government
- House Pep Rally and House Events

JUST FOR FUN AT HUDSON

- Foosball
- Table Tennis

THE ARTS AT HUDSON

- Artists in Residence
- Art History Club
- Arts Council
- Arts & Crafts Club
- Band (Intermediate & Senior)
- Choir (Junior & Intermediate)
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- Movie Club
- Photography Club
- Sewing Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Open Mic.

SPORTS & ATHLETICS AT HUDSON

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Cross country running
- Track and Field
- Swimming
- Skating
- Badminton
- Golf
- Baseball
- Ball hockey
- Cycling
- Yoga
- Girls Only Fitness
- Cheerleading
- Flag Football
- Ice Hockey

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES AT HUDSON

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| Orientation Week | Career Week | Music Recital |
| Welcome Back BBQ | Black History Month | June Fest |
| Spirit Week | Skiing Trip | Graduation Ceremonies |
| Bully Awareness Week | Europe Trip | |
| University Fairs | Arts Night | |
| Camp Muskoka Trip | Spring Production | |
| Bark Lake Trip | Earth Week | |
| Air Show | Spring Picnic Day | |
| Holiday Concert | Track & Field Day | |



WHERE WE ARE

Our 4.5 acre campus is located in a safe and family-oriented residential neighbourhood in central Toronto, near the corner of Dufferin Street and St. Clair Avenue West.



OUR FACILITIES

Our wireless campus features a modern school building that is over 40,000 square feet in size. It houses teaching and recreational facilities; spacious classrooms; administrative headquarters; gymnasium; research centre and cross-curricular lab; as well as outdoor recreational amenities that include a basketball court, soccer field and baseball diamond.

Homestay Program

At Hudson, we are committed to providing complete personal support to our students: academically, socially and emotionally, both on and off campus or during and after school hours. At the foundation of such commitment is care.

Hudson's Homestay program has also been built on the foundation of care. We make every effort to make sure our international students stay with a safe home and enjoy a full cultural immersion experience.

Through dinners at home, trips to the local store, family activities on weekends, or spending time at the cottage, our international students experience true Canadian customs and values. Daily interaction with host families gives many international students a natural opportunity to learn and practice English.

The care and guidance that students receive from our host families highlight the immense value of the Homestay program. **We work closely with host families and provide a Homestay report to overseas parents every month.**





CONNECT WITH US

You can always follow us through our daily **Event Calendar** and the **Latest News** on our website, as well as through our **Facebook** and **Twitter** accounts. You can also check out the **Photo Gallery** on our website for a taste of our school spirit!

HOW TO APPLY?

Please fill in our online application form as a first step:

<http://www.hudsoncollege.ca/admissions/online-application>

Upon receiving your online application, we will guide you through the next application steps.

WHY STUDY IN ONTARIO?

- Ontario has the most universities of any province in Canada.
- Ontario offers a flexible secondary education system, providing greater opportunities for international students.
- Students don't need to pass public exams for university entrance.
- Marks from Ontario schools are recognized by all universities in Canada and other English-speaking countries.
- Final exams constitute no more than 30% of a final grade for each course; this provides many opportunities for improving marks.

WHY CHOOSE TORONTO?

A World-class City

Toronto is Canada's educational, cultural and financial centre. As one of the most vibrant and progressive cities in the world, Toronto is recognized for its cleanliness, safety, and multicultural diversity.

Culture

Toronto has outstanding museums and art galleries, and is the third largest English-language theatre centre in the world (behind London and New York).



Dining

Toronto is internationally known for its restaurants. As a multicultural city, you can find any type of food by visiting one of the ethnic neighbourhoods.

Sports & Recreation

Toronto has professional football, baseball, basketball, soccer and hockey teams. Marathons, golf, tennis, and track and field are also popular. Located on the shore of Lake Ontario, many enjoy sailing and boating.

University Access

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A Small School with A Big Personality

