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Newfoundland and Labrador English School District

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador



LOCATION:

- Population: 112,000
- Located in metro St. John's

ELIGIBILITY:

- Enrollment Restrictions: Grades Accepted: 7-12
- 75% grade average required
- ESL level assessed upon arrival
- District will consider student applications with beginner ESL in grades 9-10 on a case by case basis

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS:

- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Offers over 20 AP courses

ACADEMICS AND FACTS:

- Grades At Schools: 9-12
- International Students: 25%
- Teacher/Student Ratio: 1:15-20
- School Choice: YES**
- High Schools Accepting Students: 8

SCHOOL PROFILE AND ACADEMICS

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is located along the coast of the Atlantic ocean in the capital city of Canada's easternmost province. In addition to three foreign languages and ESL, students have a wide variety of unique and challenging programs to choose from including dozens of AP courses, French Immersion, the esteemed International Baccalaureate Diploma, dual enrollment programs for college credit, and skilled trade programs. Extracurricular activities are popular at the schools, featuring both academic options such as peer tutoring and interest-based clubs such as art and choir.

FACILITIES

Schools in the district have varying facilities including fields, courts, gymnasiums, technologically-equipped classrooms, science labs, state-of-the-art theaters, cultural centers, studios, and workshops that make each campus unique and allow students to explore a variety of talents and interests. Students in the skilled trades have access to tools and equipment of professional quality in spacious, safe construction workshops. One school's sports stadium is home to its own AHL hockey team as well as its own minor league basketball team.

SPORTS AND ARTS

Students in the NLE School District can join a variety of freshman, junior varsity, and varsity level sports teams such as skiing, hockey, and volleyball. One school in the district is home to an arena with its own minor league hockey and basketball teams. Students can take advantage of the area's snowy winters by participating on the championship skiing team in both the fall and winter seasons.

Students have various opportunities to develop artistic talents. They can act in musicals and plays through drama programs, explore digital design, and learn about the technology behind modern art. Students with a true passion for the arts can participate in after-school clubs such as drama, art club, choir, and yearbook committee.



DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS*:

Foreign Languages: French, German, Spanish

Arts: Art Technologies, Art and Design, Drama, Music

Specialty Programs: AP courses, Dual Enrollment, French Immersion (Early and Late), International Baccalaureate Diploma, Skilled Trades

AP Courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science AB, English Language and Composition, Environmental Science, European History, Fine Arts, French Language, German, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics B, Political Science, Psychology, US Government, Statistics, US History, World History

Athletics:

Boys:

Fall: Cross Country, Hockey, Skiing, Soccer, Wrestling

Winter: Basketball, Dance, Hockey, Indoor Soccer, Skiing

Spring: Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball

Girls:

Fall: Hockey, Rugby, Table Tennis, Volleyball

Winter: Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball

Spring: Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball

Extracurricular Activities: Amnesty International, Art Club, Boys Choir, Chess Club, Choir, Concert Band, Drama, French Club, Girls Club, Math Club, Peer Tutoring, School Newspaper, Science Club, Special Events Committee, Student Council, Yearbook Staff

ESL Available: YES (Levels A-D)

*All courses and sports options offered by the school are subject to change.
**School Choice is based upon English testing



AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Schools in the NLESD have an impressive collection of accomplishments. Six students who were chosen to represent the district at the 2018 annual country-wide science fair each won medals for the first time in recent history. Each year, only 315 Canadian students are chosen to attend the exclusive Forum for Young Canadians to develop knowledge about the country's systems of government, leadership, and citizenship; in 2018, 9 of those 315 were NLESD students. A student from Baltimore School in the district was chosen as one out of 5,000 students in the nation to receive the prestigious Loran Scholar designation.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

St. John's is a culturally diverse community and the largest city in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Locals enjoy celebrating the lively fine arts, music, and dance scene in the downtown area as well as preparing and sharing traditional Newfoundland cuisine such as Jigg's dinner, a meal traditionally prepared on Sundays, and Touton, a dessert similar to fried dough. The province of Newfoundland and Labrador, commonly referred to as Newfoundland, is the country's easternmost province, originally settled by Vikings. The vast Gros Morne National Park, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, is home to unique natural monuments such as waterfalls, cliffs, and glacial fjords.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA

Located in eastern St. John's, Holy Heart High School serves 945 students from grades 10 to 12, making it the largest school in the district. It is also the only school in the NLESD to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is a program founded in 1969 to shape a community of culturally aware and globally versatile students. Its curriculum is regularly reviewed and updated to keep up with a rapidly modernizing world. In the last year, it introduced two new curricula to its arsenal—biology and history.

Holy Heart is home to a specialized International Baccalaureate Center that caters to its students enrolled in the program. It has offered the diploma since 2000, and annually outperforms world averages. Students can complete the full program by completing courses in all six subject areas and three core elements, or earn certificates in individual courses.

