

The Canadian IB Boarding School Advantage: Grades 7–12 International Students

Your Complete Guide for Parents Planning a Canadian Private Boarding Education

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Why Canada?

- **Globally respected education system:** Canada is ranked among the world's top destinations for K–12 and university education[⁵⁴][141][¹⁴⁶].
- **Safe, multicultural, inclusive society:** Welcomes students from 180+ countries, including strong support systems for new arrivals[¹⁶³][122][¹⁵⁷].
- **Direct pathways to top universities:** IB graduates enjoy higher admission averages and favorable credit recognition at leading universities[¹⁵¹][156][¹¹³][154].
- **Clear pathway to permanent residence:** Three-year PGWP for post-secondary graduates, with additional Canadian immigration advantages[¹¹²][141][¹²²].

IB Private Boarding Schools in Canada: What Parents Need to Know

- **23 private boarding schools** offer the IB programme for grades 7–12 with strong international student enrollment[¹⁴⁶][141][⁵⁴].
- **Boarding communities** are typically 30–50% international students for strong cultural integration[¹⁴⁶][158][¹²²].
- **Academic outcomes:** IB program students outperform provincial and French Immersion peers in GPA, university progress, and retention[¹⁵¹][156].

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Typical Costs (2025)

- **Average annual boarding & tuition:** CAD \$45,000–\$80,000 (all-inclusive: accommodation, meals, IB curriculum, supervision, activities)[¹³⁹][141][⁵⁴]
 - Example: UNISUS IB World School, BC – CAD \$33,600 (7-day boarding) + CAD \$28,850 (grades 8–12 tuition) = **CAD \$62,450/year** (international fee)[¹³⁹]
 - Financial aid and scholarships available at many schools
- **Ancillary expenses:** Medical insurance (~\$900), one-time application/enrollment (\$250–\$2,000), security deposit, uniforms, textbooks, and DP exam fees[¹³⁹]

Outstanding Facilities & Student Life

- **Modern dormitories:** Spacious shared or private rooms, ensuite or shared baths, study lounges, on-site laundry, 24/7 care^{[140][162][164][158]}.
- **Academic & technology resources:** UltraHD smart classrooms, science/robotics labs, digital libraries^{[52][144][165]}.
- **Extracurriculars:** Dedicated arts studios, professional music rooms, performance theatres, student-run clubs, multicultural celebrations, and outdoor adventure programming^{[146][158][144][168]}.
- **Comprehensive wellness:** On-campus clinics, sports/fitness centers, counseling, peer tutoring, leadership and community service opportunities^{[146][144][122][158][164]}.

The IB and University Pathways in Canada

- **University readiness:** IB Diploma Programme (DP) students receive direct offers from top Canadian universities (U Toronto, UBC, McGill, Queen's, Waterloo, Western, and more)^{[54][113][151][154]}.
- **Credit recognition:** Up to 30 credits for strong HL IB courses (saves time/money, can enter as year 2 student at select schools)^{[113][154]}.
- **Strong outcomes:** IB students have higher university GPAs, lower dropout rates, and higher likelihood of STEM and leadership pathways^{[151][156]}.
- **International scholarships:** IB graduates earn large merit scholarships and are favored for early research/work-study placements^{[154][113]}.

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Why IB Boarding in Canada?

- **Rigorous academics & global citizenship:** recognized globally in over 150 countries
- **English immersion with French, Spanish, Mandarin, or other options**
- **Small class sizes:** 12–17 students; experienced faculty, personal attention^{[146][141]}
- **Holistic growth:** Community and leadership, outdoor adventure, entrepreneurship, innovation
- **Safe, inclusive, student-centered communities**

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Top Canadian IB Private Boarding Schools (Selected Examples)

School	Location	Grades	Fees (2025)	Boarding	University Pathways
Ridley College	Ontario	7–12	\$69,800	Onsite	100% university placement
Branksome Hall	Ontario	7–12	\$68,000	Onsite	IB + OSSD, global partners
UNISUS School	BC	7–12	\$62,450	Onsite	DP plus career guidance
Bodwell High School	BC	8–12	\$49,000	Onsite	University preparation focus

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Columbia International College	Ontario	7–12	\$45,900	Onsite	Total Care & university prep
Bishop's College School	Quebec	7–12	\$66,000	Onsite	100% university placement

Note: Fees are for international students and all-inclusive; figures may vary. For a full list see ibo.org and boarding school directories.

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Admission & Application Snapshot

Who should apply?

- Students with strong academic potential and readiness for independent living
- English proficiency (TOEFL/IELTS/school test)
- Motivation for university study in Canada or abroad

Process:

- **Applications open:** September–February
- **Required:** Transcripts, recommendations, personal statement, interview
- **Offers sent:** Rolling or by March/April
- **Study permit and custodianship:** AVIC Immigration helps with all visa and preparation steps

AVIC Immigration Consulting: End-to-End Support for Families

- **Licensed RCIC in Canada and based in Mumbai** – expert in student and family pathways
- Personalized school selection, complete application guidance, interview prep, visa processing, and pre-departure orientation
- **Contact:** Aashay Vora, RCIC (R707153)
 - Email: contact@avicimmigration.com
 - Tel: +91-8097624182

Recommended Theme for LinkedIn PDF Brochure

- **Primary Color:** Deep professional blue (#1E3A8A) – trusted, academic, and LinkedIn optimized
- **Accent:** Maple red (#D32F2F) or fresh green (#2E7D32) – reflects Canada and vibrancy
- **Secondary:** Clean white
 - Neutral grays for clarity
- **Visual Vibe:** Diverse students, modern campus, positive and welcoming
- **Image Style:** Authentic photos, modern minimal icons, nature/campus shots, and diversity in dress and activity

Why This Path is Better for University-Bound Students

- IB is recognized by every major Canadian university – automatic advantage in admissions
- Up to 30 advance credits; can fast-track degree
- Integrated boarding and academic support structure – independence + high achievement
- Access to university prep/counseling and leadership opportunities not available in day schools
- Canadian boarding school networks open doors to scholarships, co-op/experiential learning, and eventual permanent residence

Secure your child's future Canadian journey with the unmatched benefits of an IB private boarding school. Contact AVIC Immigration for trusted, start-to-finish guidance.

All data current as of 2025; sources: IB Organization, Boarding School Review Canada, school fee schedules, and Canadian government education sites.

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