



Lakehead  
Public  
Schools

*International*

2025-2026

**International Viewbook**

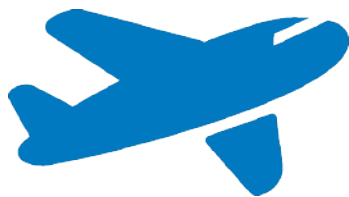
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# Welcome to **CANADA!**



Canada is the second largest country in the world by area and has a population of 35 million. It is a land of newcomers, with many different ethnic groups contributing to its cultural mosaic. It is welcoming, friendly, and safe, and is consistently ranked by the United Nations as one of the world's top five countries in which to live.



**17 FLIGHTS  
DAILY FROM  
TORONTO**



**2121 HOURS  
OF SUNSHINE  
PER YEAR**

## HOMETOWN FACTS

- 2ND HAPPIEST CITY IN CANADA
- 6TH MOST CULTURALLY DIVERSE CITY
- 2 SKI HILLS AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING TRAILS
- SLEEPING GIANT NATURAL LANDMARK VOTED A TOP 10 MUST SEE IN CANADA

# THUNDER BAY

On the shores Lake Superior and nestled within the boreal forest and Canadian Shield, Thunder Bay is where upscale city life meets epic outdoor adventures.

Regarded as the Gateway to Northwestern Ontario, here you can explore the nearly 150,000 lakes and rivers, climb to one of the highest points in the province, and sail on the world's largest freshwater lake.

People come from all over the world to indulge in Thunder Bay's beautiful landscapes, cultural culinary delights, and superior educational and professional opportunities.

## WINTER

December - February  
Avg. Daily Temp. -7°C  
Avg. Precipitation 32mm per month

## SPRING

March - May  
Avg. Daily Temp. 8°C  
Avg. Precipitation 52mm per month

## SUMMER

June - August  
Avg. Daily Temp. 22°C  
Avg. Precipitation 84mm per month

## AUTUMN

September - November  
Avg. Daily Temp. 10°C  
Avg. Precipitation 66mm per month







# Lakehead Public Schools **INTERNATIONAL**

Lakehead Public Schools is the largest public school board in Northwestern Ontario. Lakehead Public Schools educates, encourages, and supports students to develop a passion for learning, to set high personal standards, and to become active community and global citizens. Every student is provided with equal opportunities to learn in safe schools with innovative programming and quality educators.

## Our Mission

To share the excellence of Lakehead Public Schools with the world, and to help create global connections and expanded career pathways for all students.

## Our Promise

We provide our international students with high quality, English education, based on Ontario Curriculum, in a globally connected, authentic Canadian small-city setting.



**25**  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS

**3**  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOLS

**1**  
OUTDOOR  
EDUCATION  
CENTRE



**9,100**  
TOTAL  
STUDENTS



**45+**  
INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS





## International **BACCALAUREATE**

Scoring well above the world average annually, our schools offer the only I.B program in Northwestern Ontario. **The I.B program consists of:**

- Two years of pre-IB programming for Grades 9 and 10
- Diploma programme for Grades 11 and 12
- Six academic areas; Language & Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Mathematics, The Arts, and Sciences
- Higher Level (HL) courses consisting of 240 teaching hours and Standard Level (SL) courses consisting of 150 teaching hours.

**Post-Secondary Pathway  
Programs With:**



**\$1000 Scholarship for  
graduating international  
students**



**\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR  
GRADUATING INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS**





## HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL

### School Motto

Facta Non Verba  
"Deeds not Words"

### School Team

Vikings

### Student Population

850 Students  
Grade 9-12

### School Colours

Red and Gold

### Special Programs

Specialist High Skills Major: Construction  
Specialist High Skills Major: Justice, Community Safety, and Emergency Services  
Youth Fusion Video Game Partnership  
Hairstyling and Aesthetics  
French Immersion  
Advanced Placement (AP Courses)

**Hammerskjold High School** is located centrally in Thunder Bay, students can easily explore nearby downtown for the vibrant local food scene, coffee shops and new shopping districts. A quick drive away students can hike, swim, cross country ski, or just relax at the beautiful Cascades Conservation Area.

**Academics:** Hammerskjold has a variety of course offerings and full immersion experiences in both English or French. Whether your destination is College, University, apprenticeships, or work, you will earn real-life hands-on experience with us. Our breadth of programming allows us to offer programs that meet those interests of all students. Our students are consistently recognized for their academic success, locally, provincially, and nationally.

**Leadership:** Students engage in many leadership development activities through out the year including programming at Kingfisher Lake Outdoor Education Centre. Deep in the Boreal forest students learn survival skills and about the ecosystem in the area.



## WESTGATE COLLEGIATE & VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE

### School Motto

Semper Solum Optimum  
"Always Only the Best"

### School Team

Tigers

### Student Population

1050 Students  
Grades 9-12

### School Colours

Orange and Black

### Special Programs

Specialist High Skills Major: Aviation & Aerospace  
Specialist High Skills Major: Business  
Specialist High Skills Major : Hospitality & Tourism - Culinary Focus \*NEW  
Specialist High Skills Major: Arts & Culture  
Specialist High Skills Major: Transportation  
Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

**Westgate CVI** is located in the South side of Thunder Bay, with stunning views of Mount McKay; hike to the top for views of the entire city! Nearby, students can also enjoy walks along the Kaministiquia River or try their hand at some shore fishing.

### Academics

We offer innovative programs to suit a wide variety of students drawn from both city and rural areas. Students can enrich their studies with Advanced Placement courses. Our exemplary athletics, arts, and student council activities all add to the strength of our programming. Our facilities include a dance/drama studio, a full stage, 4 multimedia computer labs, auto, construction, manufacturing and welding shops, a design technology centre, and extensive athletic facilities.

### Creativity

Our artists continue to explore their creative aspirations in all artistic areas. We welcome the community each year to witness dynamic dramatics performances, musical concerts, and other events.



# SUPERIOR COLLEGIATE & VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE

**School Motto**  
"We Are Superior"

**School Team**  
Gryphons

**School Colours**  
Blue, White, & Black

**Student Population**  
700 Students  
Grade 9-12

## Special Programs

International Baccalaureate (IB) World School  
Specialist High Skills Major: Health and Wellness  
Specialist High Skills Major: Manufacturing | Welding  
Specialist High Skills Major: Aviation & Aerospace  
Specialist High Skills Major: Environment - Environmental Sciences - \*New



**Superior CVI** is located in the North side of Thunder Bay, minutes from Boulevard Lake; 650 acres of parkland, recreational trails, and beaches. If that's not enough, nearby you can find Hillcrest Park with magnificent views of one of Canada's wonders of the world, the Sleeping Giant on Lake Superior.

**Excellence** Superior challenges their students to exceed expectations and hold themselves to a high standard of excellence. We produce Science Olympics teams, Manufacturing Technology partnerships and award winning students, Science Fair and Aboriginal Mentorship Science Fair award winning projects, artists and entrepreneurs for every education and career pathway.

**Innovation** Superior is home to a state-of-the-art communication technology and broadcast studio which is comparable to some college and university facilities. Students broaden their experiences in the SCVI Makerspace Lab where 3D modelling comes alive!

## KINGFISHER LAKE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Located 25 minutes North East of Thunder Bay, Kingfisher Lake is an experiential and outdoor learning centre in the heart of the Boreal Forest. The programming at Kingfisher Lake is designed to integrate and complement the Ontario Curriculum. Kingfisher Lake is approximately two kilometers long by 500m wide, with a number of islands and bays. The gently sloping shoreline provides an excellent place for our students to participate in pond studies and canoeing activities.

### Activities offered by the centre include:

- GPS and Orienteering
- Ecology
- Biology
- Aquatic Ecology
- Canoeing
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Snow-shoeing
- Hiking
- Overnight Camping Trips







## The MLI Homestay **NETWORK PROMISE**

Our promise is good for everyone in the MLI Homestay Program. It means our clients arrive in Canada to a supportive home environment, and are offered assistance at every stage of your visit in Canada. After their visit, many of our hosts and their students remain friends for life.

### **Included:**

- Private bedroom
- Shared/private bathrooms
- 3 meals per day
- Internet access
- Custodianship
- Airport Pickup
- MLI Planned Activities

### **Medical Insurance**



International students are not covered by the Ontario government Health Plan (OHIP). LPSI has partnered with StudyInsured to provide all students with medical insurance. The medical insurance plan offers a wide and robust range of benefits and services, to cover international students for their entire period of study.







## International Study **FEES & APPLICATIONS**

### International Student Services

LPSI strives to provide a fun and memorable experience for every student and ensures a strong support base in all areas including:

- Academic, Personal, & Career
- Counselling
- Orientation
- Unique Cultural & Social Experiences
- One-on-one ESL Support & Tutoring
- Accommodation
- Mental Health Supports
- International Student Luncheons

LPSI understands that international education is an investment that requires extensive preparation. September and February semester starts are offered for high school students. Applications must be received four months prior to the start date but will be considered until the end of September and February.

**Application Fee \$300**

**Insurance Fee \$600/\$300**

**Tuition Fee \$14200/\$7100**

**Activity Fee \$65**

LPSI reserves the right to consider late applications and determine final grade and school placement.

Updated fees can be found at: [international.lakeheadschoools.ca](http://international.lakeheadschoools.ca)







## Extra-Curricular **SPORTS & ACTIVITIES**

Students at Lakehead Public Schools have the opportunity to take part in several Extra-Curricular Sports and Activities - there is truly something for everyone!

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Cross Country Running
- Track and Field
- Nordic Skiing
- Football
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Tennis
- Badminton
- Cycling
- Golf
- Curling
- Cheerleading
- Concert Band
- Orchestra
- Guitar
- Drama
- Musical Theatre
- Visual Art
- Dance
- Trade Partnerships
- Robotics Club
- GSA Club
- Natural Helpers Club
- Yearbook Design
- Chess Club
- Outdoors Club
- And many more!







## Things to do in **THUNDER BAY**

Minutes from wilderness and recreation, those who live here or visit enjoy skiing, boarding, hockey and ice fishing in the winter; sailing, hiking and climbing in the summer; and hunting in the fall. Most importantly, have time here to soak it all in and enjoy their surroundings. People come here from all over the world. They arrive for the adventure and opportunity, they stay because of the lifestyle, the friends they've made and the fresh, raw beauty of the natural environment. Thunder Bay has a history of welcoming newcomers and en-folding them into our community. The city is modern, dynamic and forward-thinking that puts an emphasis on being the best it can be through ongoing investments in infrastructure, culture and the economy. With a beautiful waterfront, modern downtown and vibrant restaurants and bars, Thunder Bay has become a destination for people from all walks of life



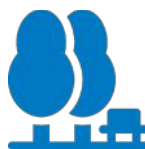
**120+  
Restaurants**



**30+ Major  
Annual Events**



**7 Shopping Districts**



**124 City  
Parks**



**75 KM of  
Recreational Trails**



**10 Art Galleries**







## Stay Connected

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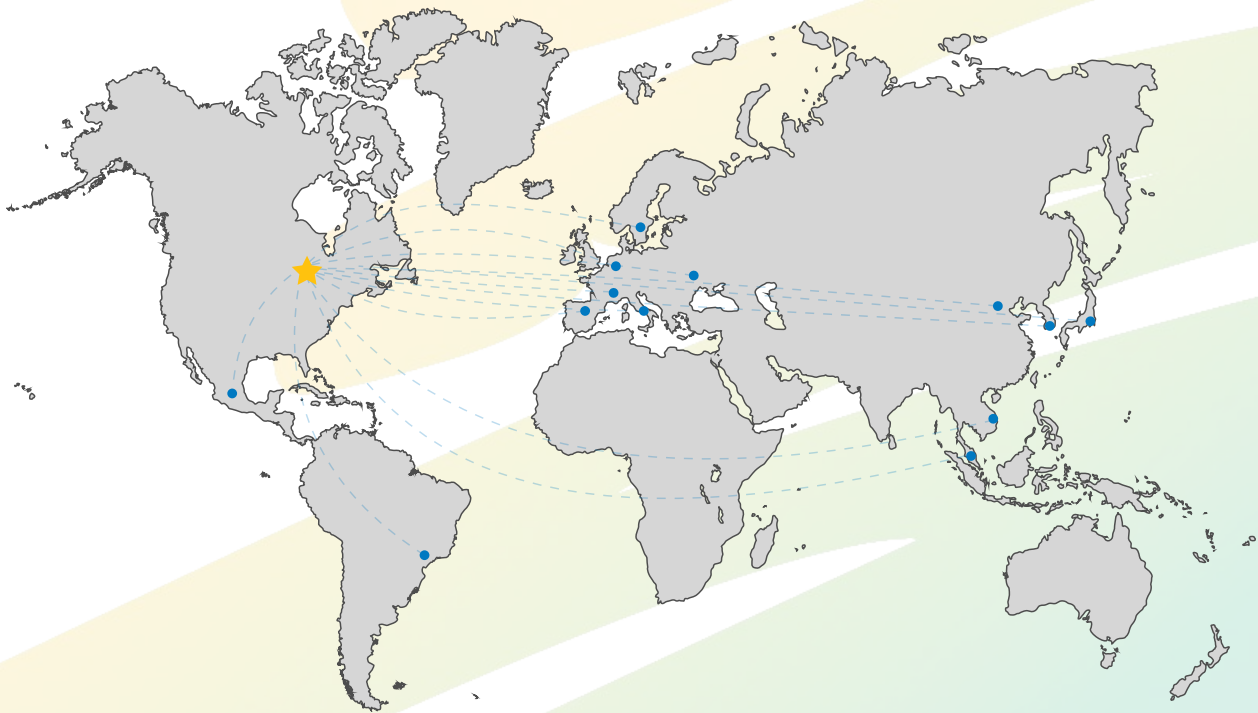
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