

How to Choose the Best ESL School for You in Canada?

It is very important that you are careful in choosing a school that can provide you with a good teaching experience and an unforgettable time. Remember that learning a new language is a lifelong journey and the more you enjoy it, the more your language skills will improve.

Your focus should be on the quality of the school and on choosing the best possible location and accommodation to suit your study goals and your personality.

Here is a checklist of questions to ask before you enrol:

1. Are the teachers native English speakers?
2. Are the teachers professionally trained? Do they have a university degree, as TESL Canada accredited certificate? Do they have experience in the field and international or intercultural experience?
3. What is the tuition? Are there any additional costs?
4. What additional services do I receive at the school? (buying a cell phone, health insurance, gym membership, library card, bus pass, etc?)
5. How is the student's level of English determined at the beginning of the program?
6. How is the student's level of English determined when the program is over?
7. Is the school accredited with Languages Canada?
8. Does the school have pathway programs with post-secondary institutions?
9. Does the school offer a homestay program? Does the school offer alternate accommodations?
10. Does the homestay family drive the students to and from school?
11. Does the school offer all the necessary documents to obtain a study permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada?
12. Does the school arrange extracurricular activities?
13. Does the school arrange airport pick up and drop off services?
14. Does the school have wireless internet access for students?
15. Does the school have an emergency telephone number?
16. Is the school easily accessible?
17. Is the school close to services including coffee shops, libraries, shopping centres, book stores, fitness centre, post office?
18. Is the school in a safe city?
19. What is the population of the city?
20. What is the city famous for?
21. Will I be immersed in English in the city?

