



## Ontario's Home-Schooling Partnership The Independent Learning Centre and You

Funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education, TVOntario's Independent Learning Centre (ILC) offers home-schooling parents the tools to help guide and support you in providing a well-rounded education for your child at home.

### Elementary Level Program

The ILC's elementary program is offered as a service to assist you in educating your student to Ontario Ministry of Education standards. Supporting your own efforts as a home-schooling parent or guardian, the ILC provides the resources necessary to ensure that your child acquires a solid elementary education.

#### Program Overview

- **Comprehensive correspondence package.** Our paper-based courses fulfill the Ontario Ministry of Education's curriculum expectations and standards for each grade. Grades 1-3 are integrated; in Grades 4 – 8, the subjects are presented separately.
  - **Grades 1–6 subjects:** Arts, English, Math, Social Studies, and Science
  - **Grades 7-8:** Arts, English, Math, Science, History, and Geography
- **Parent support.** The program for each grade level includes a comprehensive package (over 300 pages) of notes written to assist the adult teacher or parent, a year-at-a-glance overview, learning objectives, detailed instructions for daily/weekly activities, suggested useful resources and websites, and links to the Ministry's curriculum guidelines.
- **Teacher evaluation.** Course work is submitted by mail to the ILC's certified teachers for marking and feedback.
- **Year round school.** Enrol any time. Each grade consists of three terms of work. Students receive a Provincial Report Card at the end of each term. When all subjects within the grade are successfully completed, the ILC issues a Certificate of Promotion.
- **Flexible program.** You can adapt your schedule to your student's particular learning pace.
- **Affordability.** The non-refundable administrative fee is \$120 per grade level.

**Note:** Certain recommended textbooks for Grades 4 – 8 must be purchased. Please visit [www.ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org) to see the list or contact us for more information.

#### Free Supplemental Resources



The Curriculum Resource Bank (CRB) is an online library of TVOntario's award-winning curriculum-linked programming for K to 12. Enrich the learning experience with over 115 hours of video that can be streamed or downloaded right to your desktop!

Visit [www.curriculumresourcebank.com](http://www.curriculumresourcebank.com) for more information.



TVOKids.com is a one-of-a-kind learning tool packed with fun! By converging our web projects with TVOKids on-air programming, we provide kids and parents with excellent, integrated, educational entertainment. Developed for every kind of learner, our projects cover virtually all subject areas, adhere to the elementary school curriculum and are developed with educational consultants. Aimed at kids between the ages of three and eight, [TVOKids.com](http://TVOKids.com) contains games focused on music, math, reading, history and science. Find downloadable teaching guides, worksheets, and projects to enhance your child's learning experience in the *Parents and Teachers* area.



## Secondary Level Program

Similar to the elementary program, the ILC offers secondary school credit courses through correspondence. Credits earned are the same as those earned at any secondary school in Ontario, and home-schooling students can earn their diploma/OSSD through the ILC.

### Program Overview

- **Over 70 credit courses.** Choose from a variety of workplace, college, university, or open level paper-based courses. Supplemental textbooks and materials (on loan) are also included. Students must complete all units of work and pass a supervised final test to receive the credit.
- **Student support.** ILC students can receive homework help from our certified teachers by phone, fax, e-mail or online using our Student Help Service or they can visit our website, [www.ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org), to access the *Ask a Teacher* tutoring service.
- **Teacher evaluation.** Course work is submitted by mail or online to the ILC's certified teachers for marking and feedback.
- **Year-round school.** Students can enrol at any time and have one year to complete a course.
- **Flexible program.** Students study at their own pace.
- **Affordability.** The non-refundable administrative fee is \$40.00 for each course, and includes all course and supplemental materials and administration and supervision of the final test.

### Free Supplemental Resources



*Ask a Teacher* is the ILC's free online source for homework help. The live chat rooms connect students with teachers in a virtual classroom where they receive one-on-one tutorial help from a certified Ontario teacher. Chat rooms are open Sunday to Thursday between 5:30 and 9:30 pm. Any time, day or night, students can access practice exercises and tutorials, use our Essay Feedback tool, and much more! Visit [www.ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org).

**CareerMATTERS** helps Ontario students plan their high school curriculum choices, investigate their interests and career options, and plan their post-secondary education path. Exploration begins at [www.ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org).



**TVO for TEACHERS** Designed to help intermediate and senior teachers use TVO programs in the classroom, this monthly online newsletter can also provide guidance for parents who are home-schooling Grade 7 or 8 students. Find recommended viewing for curriculum-linked programs, student worksheets, and teacher resources (such as program synopses and curriculum connections). Sign up for the e-newsletter at [www.tvo.org/learnwithtvo](http://www.tvo.org/learnwithtvo).



### QUESTIONS? Call or visit us online. We're here to help!

For more information about the ILC's elementary or secondary program, please contact **Learner Services at 1.800.387.5512 or 416.484.2704**, or visit [www.ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org).

Enrolment procedures for home-schooled students are detailed on our website, [www.ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org). Click on **Special Circumstances** to learn more.