In today’s knowledge-based economy, education and skills are the keys to global competitiveness. Nova Scotia’s public education system prepares its graduates to compete and succeed in the global economy.

Nova Scotia offers:

- a truly English environment – international students are fully integrated into classes with Canadian students
- a public school system that is among the best in the world
- a system that allows credits to be transferred to students’ home country
- a range of programs for students aged 8-18
- the warmest province in Canada with four distinct seasons
- a secure, clean environment and affordable cost of living
- summer ESL camps in July and August
- the most homestay support in Canada with over 30 Homestay Coordinators
- more universities per capita than anywhere else in North America, offering superior education in all programs including science and technology, all the professions, fine arts and music
- short-term programs for groups of students and teachers

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Nova Scotia offers:
- a guide to public schools in Nova Scotia
  www.nsisp.ca

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“Dynamic” best describes our approach to education.
Students enjoy a wide variety of academic activities focusing on the arts and sciences, languages, and computers. Their studies and experience prepare them to enter a Canadian or American university and succeed in the program of their choice. Courses are taught under the careful supervision of qualified teachers. All are certified professionals and many have graduate degrees in education.

A student’s education doesn’t end with the last bell of the day. Students can choose from any number of extra-curricular activities. Athletic pursuits include soccer, basketball, skiing, volleyball, badminton and 15 other sports. There are drama and music programs, student government, art, and many clubs to enjoy as well.

The Nova Scotia school year starts in September and runs for ten months ending in June. Students are accepted from grades 4–12 (8–18 years old). International students can start their program in either September or February. Major school breaks are in December, March, and the summer holidays (July and August).

A welcoming and caring home environment awaits you in Nova Scotia.
Students are matched with local families at their new schools. This is an ideal way to “live the lifestyle” firsthand. You are made to feel a part of the host family and are included in all celebrations, outings, and activities. A homestay experience exposes students to a rich variety of local culture and social activities. Living with a Nova Scotia family also tends to generate the warmest memories and lasting bonds of friendship.

Nova Scotia truly is…A place to grow.

Located along Canada’s Atlantic coast, Nova Scotia is a vibrant province of modern cities, bustling towns, and coastal and rural villages.
Halifax, the capital, has an international airport with connections to all points in the world. Geographically, we’re located less than a two hour flight from Toronto and Montreal, or from Boston and New York.

Seren. Scenic. Safe.
These are the most common words used to describe Nova Scotia by the many visitors who enjoy our beaches, parks, and resorts. Nova Scotia offers a perfect ocean playground for a wealth of activities: from sailing, surfing, and swimming; to hiking, biking, and golfing; to skiing, ice skating, and ice hockey.

As the warmest province in Canada, our temperate climate allows a wide range of outdoor activities throughout the year.
Recognized by the United Nations for our quality of life, Nova Scotians enjoy state-of-the-art medical facilities, varied cultural and sports activities and a secure, clean environment.

Our public education system is one of the best in the world.
Nova Scotians have always placed great importance on education. The philosophy is simple: prepare students for continued success in post-secondary studies or the workplace. The results speak for themselves. Most of our graduates pursue post-secondary training. This small Canadian province, with a population of less than a million people, is home to 11 universities providing programs at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels.

Luca, Italy
“‘It was the best ten months of life’
‘I really liked my experience in Nova Scotia. The countryside is so beautiful and the people are so nice. My school had a great variety of extra-curricular activities and the teachers and other students were so supportive. I liked being given the opportunity to try many new experiences. I won’t forget my time in Nova Scotia.’"

Fernando, Mexico
“‘I will have memories forever’
‘All the people in Nova Scotia were so nice and friendly. Everything was just awesome. It was the best ten months of life. I will have memories forever. I would tell any new student to make sure to get involved and make lots of friends.’"

Jennifer, Germany
“‘It was an amazing experience’
‘I really loved the weather, my host family, my school, and friends in Nova Scotia. The community and the school and everyone was so caring and interested in learning about me and my culture. I tried to fit in and make new friends, tried new sports, and kept my mind open to the experiences. It was an amazing experience.’"

Han Bee, Korea
“‘Everyone is so wonderful’
‘I love Nova Scotia! This has been such a great time. Everyone is so wonderful. I am going to miss my school, my host family, my city, and everything so much. There were so many new experiences and I will remember them forever.’“