



FORT ERIE
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Pre-departure guide Fall 2026



A wide-angle photograph of the Toronto Pearson International Airport terminal. The image shows a large, modern interior with a high, vaulted ceiling featuring a complex network of steel beams and large glass panels that allow natural light to filter in. On the left, there are several baggage claim carousels with people standing nearby. In the center and right, there are more people walking through the terminal, and a large overhead sign is visible on the right side. The overall atmosphere is busy and spacious.

Arrival transportation at Toronto Pearson airport

**Tuesday 8TH and
Wednesday 9TH September**

Students should look for FEIA sign

**Emergency Contact:
1 (289) 682-9215**

Our team is so excited to
welcome you on campus!
Welcome to FEIA!



School Principal
William Cockburn

"FEIA is more than a school. It's a place
where students are known, supported, and
encouraged to become their best selves."





Before you depart



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Packing list

Essentials

- ✓ Casual clothing for use outside of school
- ✓ Athletic wear
- ✓ Lace up shoes for school
- ✓ Jacket
- ✓ Sneakers
- ✓ Formal wear and shoes for celebrations, dances, etc. (Blazer/jacket, shirt/tie, dress, shoes, etc.).
- ✓ Laptop
- ✓ A cell phone: *Very important* for communication
- ✓ Personal toiletries
- ✓ International converter
- ✓ Prescription medicine including a Doctors' note in English
- ✓ Comfortable shoes (cros, etc)
- ✓ Credit card/debit card

FEIA will provide

- ✓ Polo t-shirt
- ✓ Regular t-shirt
- ✓ Bedsheets
- ✓ Pillow
- ✓ Linens
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Bathmat

Welcome package inclusions may vary depending on the student's program, scholarship structure, or enrollment agreement. Families will be advised directly if any listed items are not included in their package.



School supplies needed

- ✓ 4 notebooks (binder style)
- ✓ Lined paper
- ✓ Blue or black pens
- ✓ Scientific calculator
 - TI-83 Plus graphing calculator
 - TI-84 Plus graphing calculator
 - TI-84 Plus CE graphing calculator
 - TI-84 Plus CE Python graphing calculator
 - TI-Nspire™ CX graphing calculator
 - TI-Nspire™ CX II graphing calculator

All TI scientific and four-function calculators are approved.

All other materials (e.g., art materials, graph paper, rulers) will be supplied by the school.

** Please note that supplies can be purchased on arrival to Canada.<*



Packing list

Do not bring

- X Decorations or clothing with inappropriate content
- X Alcohol, tobacco products, vapes, or any other illegal substances
- X Weapons including knives and imitation firearms, such as airsoft guns
- X Pets
- X Small appliances, e.g., coffee maker, electronic blankets or heaters, hot plates, irons, microwaves, televisions, rice cooker, toaster, etc.
- X Please do not bring a lot of cash. It is advisable that students use credit cards and debit cards where possible. It is not advisable to carry a lot of cash.



Actions for you to take before arrival:

Flight Details:

To ensure a smooth arrival, please provide your flight details **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1st 2026**.

If students do not submit arrival information by that date, we will not be able to guarantee airport pickup and transfer.

Send flight information to: admissions@feia.ca

Academics

Please connect with Ms. Ida Leoni, Front Desk Administrator, for scheduling: Ida.leoni@feia.ca





Cellphones and Communication

All students are required to have a cell phone for communication with FEIA staff.

This is extremely important to ensure students' safety.

Upon arrival, students will have two options for procuring a cell phone plan.

1. FEIA will provide an opportunity for students to purchase a SIM card that they can easily top up with credit throughout the school year.
2. Students may purchase a cell phone through a third party in Canada. Students must ensure their cell and data service is working properly throughout the year. Students should purchase unlimited talk, text, and data plans.
3. Beginning in Fall 2026, students will be using REACH Student Life Management System which will allow students, families and FEIA administration to be in communication regularly, mitigate risk and encourage student wellness.



Money in Canada

While most expenses for your daily life are covered by FEIA, you will need to pay for personal services, incidentals, and other individual purchases out-of-pocket. In most instances, payment will be made by you at the time services are offered.

Examples are services at medical facilities that are not covered by insurance (deductible, non-emergency dental work, pre-existing conditions), and school club activity fees, sports gear, etc.



International credit cards

Students can use a family credit card with their parent's permission or endorsement. This is the most convenient and preferred form of payment. Parents appreciate having access to the transaction history.



Banking in Canada

Students may choose to open a bank account in Canada. This allows parents to wire funds directly from a local bank in the home country. Students under the age of 16 are required to have the consent of a guardian (FEIA Principal) when opening a bank account in Canada.





You are on your way



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Arrival in Canada!

- ✓ Inform FEIA of your arrival information
- ✓ Arrive on designated arrival dates
- ✓ Pack your important documents and any medications in your carry on bag



Arrival and Pickup Information

Students arriving on the 8th or 9th of September will receive transportation from only the Toronto Pearson airport to the FEIA campus. The FEIA team will meet you at the airport outside of customs holding a FEIA welcome sign. If you are arriving after the specified arrival dates, transportation is not included and you will be required to make your own arrival arrangements.



Earliest Arrival Dates

Tuesday, September 8 is the earliest day students can arrive on campus. If students would like to arrive earlier, they will have to organize transportation from the airport and accommodation. The campus cannot accommodate earlier arrival dates.



Travel With Parents

FEIA provides transportation ONLY to students. We cannot accommodate parents or family friends arriving with students. FEIA is happy to provide a list of hotels that are near the campus.



Connecting Flights

If you have connecting flights within Canada, allow enough time (at least 4 hours) between flights. Canadian customs may search your bag for unauthorized items. Your arrival will be registered electronically.



Immigration on arrival

What should I have with me when I enter Canada?

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Study permit
- ✓ Guardianship letter

When entering Canada, you will need to show your passport, study permit and guardianship letter. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your arrival.



Canadian Border Control?

You will be fingerprinted, photographed, and an entry stamp will be placed in your passport. You may be asked to go to another line where an Immigration Officer will look at your documents and ask you additional questions. Please do not let this worry you. This is a normal part of the process, and it may take 2-4 hours or longer to complete.



Common Immigration Questions

1. What is the purpose of your trip?

The purpose of your trip is to come to Canada to study in high school or middle school. You should know the name and location of your school. You should also be prepared to answer questions related to the grade you will be starting and why you chose to study in Canada.

2. How long do you intend to stay?

Students should be able to answer when they plan on going home, for example when your current school year ends.

3. Do you have anything to declare?

We highly advise against bringing any vegetables, fruits, or meats into Canada, as these items can be confiscated by border control. You can read more information here: <https://travel.gc.ca/returning/customs>





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WEDNESDAY 9TH
SEPTEMBER**



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Living at FEIA



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NIAGARA FALLS



USA



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CAPPA COLLEGE / AOL



FEIA RESIDENCES



RIVERGATE ACADEMY
(CHILDCARE AND KINDERGARTEN)



FEIA VILLAGE
NEW BOARDING FACILITIES



CANADA



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FEIA Residence



Dining plan

FEIA provides buffet-style healthy meals prepared by qualified chefs in our on-campus dining hall. There are a variety of food choices from different cultures. FEIA utilizes locally grown produce wherever possible to encourage healthy eating habits. FEIA also accommodates a wide variety of dietary restrictions and ensures students receive nutritious, delicious and fresh meals.



FEIA Residences



State of the art residences

FEIA offers two state-of-the-art residences on the campus. Students will receive their placement to either the FEIA Residence or FEIA Village before arrival.









Safety



Our residence halls offer round-the-clock security, ensuring a safe and secure environment for all students.



Additionally, student life counsellors live on-site, providing ongoing support and guidance to students in need of assistance, fostering a supportive and caring community.



Student Orientation

The first days at FEIA are orientation days. This time is for students to become familiar with the residence and FEIA.

Students will:

- Learn about FEIA and the area
- Participate in activities to meet teachers, administration and other students
- Learn basics of self care while in residence (i.e. laundry, keeping room clean, etc.)
- English level test and Course planning



Parent Orientation

September 8 & 9

Presentation from: 1-1:45 pm

Tour from: 2-2:45 pm

We respectfully ask that families
adhere to these times for visiting
FEIA as parents.





Important Dates for 2027

- ✓ **January 25-27:** First Semester Final Exam Dates
- ✓ **January 28 and 29:** First Semester Departure Dates
- ✓ **January 30 and 31:** Second Semester Student Arrivals
- ✓ **June 14-16:** Second Semester Final Exam Dates
- ✓ **June 17:** 8th Grade Graduation
- ✓ **June 18:** Grade 12 Graduation
- ✓ **June 19 and 20:** Second Semester Departures

*Please note that **ONLY THESE** departures dates are included in program fees. Any other departure times will incur an additional cost.



Around Fort Erie



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20 min
from
Niagara
Falls



10 min
from
Buffalo,
USA



90 min
from
Toronto

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important tips at Canadian high school and middle school

1.

YOUR WORK MUST BE YOUR OWN

In Canada, academic integrity is important. This means that any work you do for school originates from your own thoughts and evaluations. Even answers found from outside sources must be either rephrased so that they reflect your own thoughts and word choices, or attributed to the source.

2.

CANADIAN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE IS A MARATHON, NOT A SPRINT

A marathon is a long race that requires consistent effort, while a sprint is a short race that requires a quick burst of effort. Canadian school is more like a marathon, where your consistent contributions and efforts will be rewarded.

3.

BE READY TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

A Canadian classroom is full of activity, with lots of discussion, debate, and vocal participation. Understanding the material is important, and Canadian teachers like to see that students are able to show their understanding of the material and contribute to the discussion.

4.

TECHNOLOGY IS FOR SCHOOLWORK—NOT JUST FOR SOCIALIZING

Many of your courses will require that you use a laptop or iPad in conjunction with written or physical materials. Although it is tempting to use your device for other purposes (gaming or browsing the internet), this is something that is not permissible in school and can lead to disciplinary action.

5.

BE SURE TO SCHEDULE ONE-ON-ONE TIME

Make appointments with teachers and guidance counselors – this will afford you even more one-on-one time with some important people in the school so you can build a relationship.



Parent communication during arrivals:



Telephone:
1 (289) 682-9215



General Communication Email
communications@feia.ca



Emergency Email:
urgent@feia.ca
(only serious health and safety concerns)



A group of five people, three men and two women, are walking together in a hallway. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. The man on the far left is wearing a white long-sleeved polo shirt with a red crest on the chest and black shorts. The woman next to him is wearing a dark blue t-shirt with "37 | FEIA" in red and white text and black shorts. The woman in the center is wearing a black t-shirt with "FEIA" in large white letters and "PHYSIC" below it. The man next to her is wearing a white long-sleeved polo shirt with a red crest on the chest and black shorts. The woman on the far right is wearing a black zip-up jacket with "FEIA FALCON BASKETBALL" in white and red text and a red crest on the chest. The hallway has a red door frame and a white door in the background. A red flag is visible on the right wall.

WELCOME TO FEIA!
We will see you soon!



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