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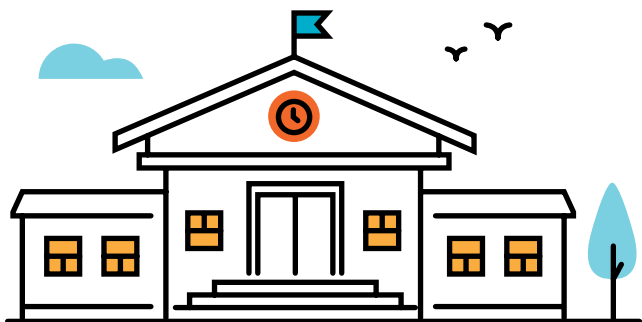
How We Support Ontario Students



The College at a Glance

What we do

We license and regulate teachers who work in all publicly funded schools and many private schools in Ontario.



Why we exist

We serve and protect the public interest. We ensure that only safe, qualified and competent teachers are certified to teach your children.



How we do this



We license teachers

Only Ontario Certified Teachers (OCTs) can teach in publicly funded Ontario schools. Licensed teachers come from all over the world and are accountable and held to high professional standards.



We provide guidance to teachers

Through our professional advisories, we give advice that helps our members support their students on critical matters such as bullying and mental health.



We support teaching excellence

We help prepare teachers for the classroom and provide for their ongoing education. We also approve teacher education programs.



We work with key stakeholders

We collaborate with government to create regulations and laws to better protect students.



We hear your concerns

We take your concerns about professional misconduct seriously and we resolve them. We impose sanctions on those who don't uphold the professional expectations, and we make our discipline decisions public.



Helpful Resources for Parents

1.

Find a Teacher:

Ontario Certified Teachers are well-qualified. See their qualifications to spark a conversation with your child's teacher. (oct-oeo.ca/findateacher)

2.

Invite a Speaker:

We have experts who can speak at your next school council meeting about how we protect students. (oct-oeo.ca/speaker)

3.

Subscribe to *The Standard*:

Our quarterly newsletter is written with parents in mind. Stay connected to our work and changes in education legislation. (oct-oeo.ca/thestandard)

4.

Annual Report:

Gain a better understanding of how the profession is regulated and how teacher standards are set. (oct-oeo.ca/annualreport)

5.

Professional advisories:

Teachers rely on our professional advice to ensure they are using their best judgment at all times. (oct-oeo.ca/professionaladvisories)

6.

Public presentations:

Discuss topics related to the College at one of our quarterly Council meetings and at our annual meeting. (oct-oeo.ca/present)

7.

***Professionally Speaking*:**

Our award-winning publication has articles about effective teaching practices and profiles of caring teachers. (oct-oeo.ca/magazine)

8.

oct.ca:

Find College news, e-newsletters, teacher requirements, videos, media releases, discipline decisions and more on our website.



Safeguarding Students

There is nothing more important than our children's future. Ontarians can rest assured that the well-being and safety of Ontario students is our top priority.

Visit oct-oeeo.ca/public to find out more.



Enhancing Teacher Education

In addition to certifying all Ontario teachers, the College also accredits teaching programs throughout the province. We ensure all teaching programs in Ontario follow ethical and practice standards and guidelines.

We also review and approve Additional Qualification courses for ongoing teacher education.

Accrediting programs, licensing teachers and providing for their ongoing professional learning helps ensure Ontario students receive the best education possible from only qualified teachers.

If You Have a Concern

The College will hear your concerns regarding professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity of College members. If you have a concern about a teacher, there are steps you can take.

1. Try to address the issue by speaking with the teacher first, then principal, or district school board.
2. If a resolution cannot be reached, contact the College. See our online form at oct-oeeo.ca/submitcomplaint.
3. Complaints that are not considered frivolous or vexatious are investigated and considered by a committee, which decides whether it should be referred to a public hearing.

Learn How Highly Qualified Your Child's Teacher is

Our public registry, Find a Teacher, can show you:

- What subject areas your child's teacher is qualified to teach.
- Additional Qualification (AQ) courses they've taken to expand their subject knowledge or sharpen their classroom skills.
- When your child's teacher was certified.



Care, Respect, Trust and Integrity

These are the ethical standards that guide Ontario Certified Teachers.

What does this mean to you, as a parent?

It means you can feel confident that your child's teacher is accountable, that your child's teacher can be trusted and, that your child is in good hands.

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