

HDSB Celebrates Recipients of the 2026 Governor General's Academic Medal

Aug. 18, 2026 - The Halton District School Board (HDSB) is proud to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of 16 graduating students who have been named recipients of the 2026 [Governor General's Academic Medal](#).

Presented annually, the Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal honours a graduating student at each secondary school who achieves the highest academic standing in their graduating class. The award recognizes students whose dedication, perseverance and commitment to learning have resulted in exceptional academic achievement.

The HDSB extends its congratulations to this year's recipients and celebrates the hard work and accomplishments that have marked their secondary school journeys.

HDSB's 2026 Governor General's Academic Medal Recipients

School	Student	Average
Abbey Park HS	Yuxuan 'Cathy' Zhang	99.333%
Acton District School	Graeme Furzer	97.57%
Aldershot School	Kaiden Slipper	97.6%
Burlington Central HS	Brayden Wong	96.1%
Craig Kielburger SS	Zain Fecto	97.47%
Dr. Frank J. Hayden SS	Maya Jazayeri	90%
Elsie MacGill SS	Bryan Peart	98.12%
Garth Webb SS	Arthur Chao	99.12%
Georgetown District HS	Sherida Bunyaratsaranee	94.67%
Iroquois Ridge HS	Marisa Alexander-Carew	97.58%

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M. M. Robinson HS	Kallem Manning	100%
Milton District HS	Prabhleen Soni	98.75%
Nelson HS	Evan Bailie	98.47%
Oakville Trafalgar HS	Aaron Huang	98.27%
T. A. Blakelock HS	Rishi Kaul	98%
White Oaks SS	Zoe Vasilijevic	98.375%

Quotes

"We are incredibly proud to celebrate this year's Governor General's Academic Medal recipients and the remarkable academic achievements these HDSB students have demonstrated," says Curtis Ennis, Chief Executive Officer of the HDSB. "Reaching the highest academic standing in a graduating class takes determination and a sustained commitment to learning. These students have set an inspiring example for their peers, and we look forward to seeing how they carry their knowledge and aspirations into their next chapters."

HDSB 2024-2028 Multi-Year Strategic Plan

The [2024-2028 Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) sets direction and prioritizes the collective actions of all students, staff, families and community members. This plan ensures our efforts as an organization are aligned and coordinated to support more than 65,000 students, 11,000 staff and the broader HDSB community. The six commitments identified in this four-year plan intersect and overlap to ensure that we take a cohesive approach to fulfilling its objectives.

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