

Greek Community of Toronto - Ελληνική Κοινότητα Τορόντο  
Department of Education - Τμήμα Ελληνόγλωσσας Παιδείας

## Program Information - Πληροφορίες Προγραμμάτων

**School year: 2023 – 2024**

Find a “Paideia” school near you in Toronto and York Region.

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Τα ελληνόγλωσσα προγράμματα μας προσφέρουν...

Our Greek language programs offer...

Activity	Intensive Program	Comprehensive Program
Cultivation of listening, reading, speaking and writing skills	✓	✓
Learning about Greek civilization (modern and \ancient) through geography, history, religion, etc.	✓	✓
Traditional Greek dances and folklore	✓	✓
Story-telling, theatre, music and art	✓	✓
e-Twinning Projects	✓	✓
Computer-assisted Greek language learning	✓	✓
Ellinomatheia Preparation	✓	✓
Dedicated teacher for each grade/level	✓	✓
Recognized by the Greek Ministry of Education	✓	

**The Ontario High School Credit Program**

*In addition to the above, our Credit Schools offer students the opportunity to earn three credits toward their high school diploma. The Credit School offers academic courses recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Education.*

## Welcome Message - Χαιρετισμός

Αγαπητοί γονείς και κηδεμόνες,

Η Ελληνική Κοινότητα Τορόντο πιστή στην παράδοση της, συνεχίζει να αγωνίζεται για την εξύψωση του μορφωτικού και πολιτιστικού επιπέδου των ελληνοπαίδων της παροικίας μας, καθώς και για την μεταλαμπάδευση του ελληνικού πολιτισμού στις νεότερες γενιές. Πιστοί στις παραδόσεις μας, θέλουμε να σας ενθαρρύνουμε να συμμετέχετε στα προγράμματα μας, διότι η ελληνορθόδοξη παιδεία είναι το πιο σημαντικό εφόδιο το οποίο μπορείτε να προσφέρετε σε ένα παιδί. Οι γνώσεις, οι αρχές, τα ιδανικά, το ήθος και η πολιτιστική καλλιέργεια που προσφέρει η ελληνορθόδοξη παιδεία είναι ανωτέρου επιπέδου. Οι μαθητές μας μαθαίνουν Ελληνικά, θρησκευτικά, ιστορία, γεωγραφία, παραδοσιακούς ελληνικούς χορούς και ελληνικά τραγούδια. Επενδύουμε στην Ελληνική Γλώσσα και Ιστορία, και τον Απαράμιλλης Αξίας Ελληνικό Πολιτισμό. Στηρίζουμε την ελληνόγλωσση εκπαίδευση και προχωράμε στην αναδιάρθρωση του ομογενειακού εκπαιδευτικού πλαισίου με τον σχεδιασμό και την ανάπτυξη ενός ολοκληρωμένου αναλυτικού προγράμματος, το οποίο είναι μοναδικό στον κόσμο. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες παρακαλούμε να επικοινωνήσετε με το γραφείο παιδείας της Ελληνικής Κοινότητας Τορόντο.

Dear parents and guardians,

The Greek Community of Toronto, continues to promote Greek language studies and Orthodox traditions. In collaboration with the University of West Macedonia we have developed Paideia, which is the first ever comprehensive Greek language curriculum that is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Specifically, Paideia provides Greek language and heritage education to over 900 students (i.e., kindergarten to grade 12) in the Greater Toronto Area. Additionally, our program has been adopted by eight more Communities in Ontario (e.g., York Region, Oshawa, Mississauga, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Burlington, Sudbury, Smithville) that have already documented a significant improvement in their students' Greek language proficiency. Paideia's effectiveness and higher educational value lies in the fact that it promotes multilingualism, global citizenship, and 21st century skills like communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Our students learn Greek, religion, history, geography, traditional Greek dances and Greek songs. We invest in the

Greek Language and History, and the Greek Culture of Incomparable Value. For more information, please contact the Education Office of the Hellenic Community of Toronto.

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΟΡΟΝΤΟ – GREEK COMMUNITY OF TORONTO 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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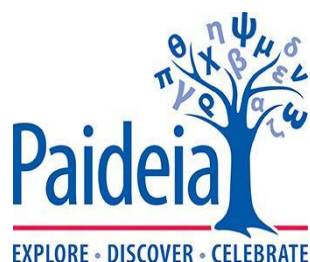
Please note that 8 students per grade level are required to establish a class. Combined classes are not available.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>INTENSIVE PROGRAM</b></u> <u><b>ARISTOTELIS RECOGNIZED SCHOOL (K-8)</b></u> 30 THORNCLIFFE PARK DRIVE MON/WED (4:30 PM-7:30 PM) TUITION: \$750 (\$4.12/hour) <i>First Day: September 25, 2023</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΑ ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ</b></u> <u><b>WEEKDAY COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS (K-8)</b></u></p> <p>1. <u><b>PLATONAS (K-8)</b></u> 30 THORNCLIFFE PARK DRIVE TUE (4:30PM-7:30PM) TUITION: \$650 (\$7.22/hour) <i>First Day: September 26, 2023</i></p> <p>2. <u><b>OMIROS (K-8)</b></u> 1 SELWYN AVE (O'CONNOR/ST/ CLAIR) THURSDAY (4:30PM-7:30PM) TUITION: \$650 (\$7.22/hour) <i>First Day: September 28, 2023</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>ΕΝΗΛΙΚΕΣ – ADULTS</b></u> <u><b>ST. DEMETRIOS ADULT GREEK SCHOOL</b></u> 30 THORNCLIFFE PARK DR. THUR: 6:00 – 9:00 PM MULTIPLE LEVELS: BEG/INTERM/ADV TUITION: \$650 (\$7.22 / hour) \$50 discount for seniors <i>First Day: October 5, 2023</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>ΣΑΒΒΑΤΙΑΝΑ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΑ ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ</b></u> <u><b>SATURDAY COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS (K-8)</b></u> SATURDAYS 9:00AM-1:00PM TUITION: \$750 (\$6.25/hour) <i>First Day: September 30, 2023</i></p> <p>1. <u><b>ST. DEMETRIOS (K-8)</b></u> 30 THORNCLIFFE PARK DRIVE TORONTO, M4H 1H8</p> <p>2. <u><b>ODYSSEAS ELYTIS (K-3; GR. 4-8 TO BE ADDED)</b></u> 50 VRADENBURG DR SCARBOROUGH, M1T1M6</p> <p>3. <u><b>PANAGIA (K-3; GR 4-8 TO BE ADDED))</b></u> 136 SORAUREN AVE, TORONTO, M6R 2E4</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>CREDIT SCHOOLS ACCREDITED BY</b></u> <u><b>ONTARIO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</b></u> FRI (3:55 PM-7:55 PM) - FIRST DAY: SEPT. 22, 2023 SAT (9:30 AM-1:30 PM) - FIRST DAY: SEPT. 23, 2022 TUITION \$750 (\$6.25/HOUR)</p> <p>1. <u><b>SOCRATES CREDIT SCHOOL(GRADES 9-12)</b></u> 135 OVERLEA BLVD (NEAR GCT)</p> <p>2. <u><b>ARISTOTELIS CREDIT SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)</b></u> 200 GRAYDON HALL DR. (DON MILLS &amp; YORK MILLS)</p>	

# New School!

York Region (Hwy 7 / Bayview)

1. Paideia Greek School (K-8)  
@Adrienne Clarkson Public School  
Wednesdays 6:00-8:30 pm  
Tuition: \$600 (\$8.00/hour)



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### LOCATIONS

Community Centre  
30 THORNCLIFFE PARK DR.

1. ARISTOTELIS RECOGNIZED SCHOOL (K-8)  
Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Tuition: \$750 (\$4.12/hour)
2. Platonas (K-8)  
Tuesdays 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Tuition: \$650 (\$7.22/hour)
3. Adults (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)  
Thursdays 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Tuition: \$650 (\$7.22/hour)
4. St. Demetrios  
Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tuition: \$750 (\$6.25/hour)

West End

1. Proodos Panagia  
136 SORAUREN AVE, TORONTO  
Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tuition: \$750 (\$6.25/hour)

Modern Greek Credit Schools

Students obtain 4 high school credits  
FRI (3:55 - 7:55 PM) & SAT (9:30 AM-1:30 PM)  
Tuition: \$750

1. Socrates Credit School  
135 OVERLEA BLVD (NEAR GCT)
2. Aristotelis Credit School  
200 GRAYDON HALL DR.  
(DON MILLS & YORK MILLS)

East End

1. ODYSSEAS ELYTIS  
St. John's or 50 VRADENBURG DR,  
SCARBOROUGH  
Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tuition: \$750 (\$6.25/hour)

2. Omiros

1 SELWYN AVE (O'CONNOR/ST/ CLAIR)  
THURSDAY (4:30PM-7:30PM)  
TUITION: \$650 (\$7.22/hour)

York Region (Hwy 7 / Bayview)

1. Paideia Greek School (K-8)





# GREEK COMMUNITY OF TORONTO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GREEK LANGUAGE AND HERITAGE PROGRAMS

Developing  
Greek  
Language  
Proficiency

Cultivating  
Cultural  
Identity

Celebrating  
Heritage

Building  
Positive  
Relationships

## *2023-2024 Greek School Registrations!*

### **NEW PAIDEIA SCHOOL IN YORK REGION!**

- Unique K-12 Comprehensive Paideia Curriculum
- High Ellinomatheia Exams Scores
- One Teacher Per Grade / No Combined Classes
- Multiple Locations With a Variety of Programs
- Exclusive! Four High School Credits (Grades 9-12)



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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please visit our new website to register online. Note: You must renew your membership before registering for education programs. Please contact us if you have any questions. Our staff and volunteers are happy to assist you. The deadline for registrations is Saturday, September 30, 2023. We will not be accepting registrations after this date. A complete registration is required to be able to attend class. Please note that New and Returning students in Grades 10-12 must provide proof of completing the required credit of the previous grade level before they can register. Check our attached school flyer or our website [www.greekcommunity.org](http://www.greekcommunity.org) for more information about registrations and the different programs.

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<b>Online registration is a few easy steps.</b>	
1. Visit our website: <a href="http://www.greekcommunity.org">www.greekcommunity.org</a>	
2. Sign In with your older email from the 2021-2022 school year (not the email used in 2022-2023) or Create a New Account	
3. Pay for your annual Family GCT Membership (\$160)	
4. Explore our programs and select and complete your registration	

### SAFETY AND HEALTH

The safe operation of Greek schools is our top priority. Safety and Health practices will continue to be updated according to the guidelines and requirements of the provincial government of Ontario and Toronto Public Health. More details are available on the Ministry's Website: <https://www.ontario.ca/>.

This year, class sizes will continue to remain small, allowing for the safe social distancing of students and a lower teacher-student ratio enabling staff and students to focus more on the quality of learning. Staff and students who are unwell must not attend school. Personal hygiene protocols, including cleaning high-touch surfaces, such as desks and door handles, are in place. Thank you very much for supporting our Greek Language and Heritage programs. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We wish you a safe, fun, productive, and very "Greek" school year!

<b>Ευγενείς Χορηγοί / Paideia Sponsors</b>		<b>Paideia Books Printing And Distribution Grantor:</b> (Χορηγός Εκτύπωσης Και Διανομής Βιβλίων «Παιδεία»)	
			HELLENIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION

#### A. GCT MEMBERSHIP - ΣΥΝΔΡΟΜΗ ΣΤΗΝ ΕΚΤ

Το ισχύον κόστος της ετήσιας συνδρομής στην Ελληνική Κοινότητα Τορόντο (ΕΚΤ) είναι \$160.00. Είναι απαραίτητη η συνδρομή για να υπάρχει το δικαίωμα εγγραφής στα προγράμματα της Ελληνικής κοινότητας. Membership to the Greek Community of Toronto (GCT) is required in order to enrol your children in all programs offered by the GCT. The current membership fee is \$160 per family.

#### B. CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY - ΑΚΥΡΩΣΗ ΜΑΘΗΜΑΤΩΝ

Σε περίπτωση δυσμενών καιρικών συνθηκών ή έκτακτων συμβάντων που επιβάλλουν την ακύρωση μαθημάτων, το Τμήμα Παιδείας της ΕΚΤ ακολουθεί τις οδηγίες/ανακοινώσεις του Toronto District School Board. Γίνεται κάθε δυνατή προσπάθεια να ειδοποιηθούν οι γονείς ηλεκτρονικά (email) ή τηλεφωνικά.

The Education Department of the Greek Community of Toronto will cancel classes due to severe weather conditions or other emergencies, in accordance with the decisions of the Toronto District School Board. We will endeavour to contact all parents by email and phone time permitted and also post announcements on our website.

#### C. REFUND POLICY & DISCOUNT - ΕΠΙΣΤΡΟΦΗ ΔΙΔΑΚΤΡΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΕΚΠΤΩΣΗ

1. Σύμφωνα με τους κανονισμούς της ΕΚΤ, ένας μαθητής πρέπει να ολοκληρώσει την εγγραφή του/της στην ιστοσελίδα μας και να έχει πληρώσει τα δίδακτρα που αντιστοιχούν στο πρόγραμμα επιλογής του/της, προκειμένου να μπορέσει να παρακολουθήσει μαθήματα.
2. Εάν ένας μαθητής διακόψει τα μαθήματα πριν τις 30 Οκτωβρίου, θα επιστραφεί 75% των διδάκτρων.
3. Εάν ένας μαθητής διακόψει τα μαθήματα πριν τις 15 Δεκεμβρίου, θα επιστραφεί 50% των διδάκτρων.
4. Δεν επιστρέφονται τα δίδακτρα στη περίπτωση που ο μαθητής σταματήσει μετά τις 15 Δεκεμβρίου.

**Τα \$160 της συνδρομής δεν επιστρέφονται.**

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1. Students must complete their registration online, and they must pay their tuition in full before they are able to participate in our programs.
  2. Students who withdraw from a program before October 30<sup>th</sup> receive a 75% refund.
  3. Students who withdraw from a program before December 15<sup>th</sup> receive a 50% refund.
  4. Refunds are not provided to students who withdraw from a program after December 15<sup>th</sup>.

***The membership fee (\$160) is non-refundable.***

***D. RESPECTING HOME-SCHOOL RULES AND BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS:***

The GCT Education Department promotes responsibility, respect, civility and academic excellence in a safe learning and teaching environment. All students, parents, teachers and staff have the right to be safe, and feel included and valued in our school community. With this right comes the responsibility to be good citizens and students and to be accountable for actions that put at risk the safety of others or oneself. The Ontario Code of Conduct sets clear provincial standards of behaviour. It specifies the consequences for student actions that do not comply with these standards. The Provincial standards of behaviour apply not only to students, but also to all individuals involved in school systems.

• ***RESOLVING CONFLICT BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL***

The GCT Education Department welcomes your questions and concerns, and makes every effort to address them as quickly as possible. The sequence in the example chart below reflects the best way to contact us, and who you should reach out to and when. In any situation, your child's classroom teacher is the first point of contact, followed by the Director of Education, and the Co-chairs of Education.

The "progressive discipline" approach for addressing inappropriate behaviour is a whole school model that utilizes a continuum of prevention programs, interventions, supports and consequences and builds upon strategies that promote and foster positive behaviour.

***CONSULTATION SEQUENCE FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION***

**Step 1 - Classroom Teacher**

- Any questions about the classroom, school, timetable, etc.
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

**Step 2 – Director of Education  
Kostas Flegas**

**If you would like more information or if you have questions that are about and beyond the classroom, talk to the Director of Education. He can help with:**

- School operations, registrations, tuition
- Code of Conduct, classroom management, student suspensions
- Report card concerns, curriculum, Ellinomatheia Exams
- Safety and security
- School Council, Budget and fundraising, Volunteer opportunities

**Step 3 – Co-chairs of Education**

**The Co-chairs of Education are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the GCT:**

- Concerns about your community and school
- Ideas and suggestions for the GCT Board
- Items on Board Agendas and Board Budgets

## **E. GREEK LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAMS - ΕΞΕΤΑΣΕΙΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΟΜΑΘΕΙΑΣ**

### **ΕΓΓΡΑΦΕΣ: 1 Φεβρουαρίου – 22 Μαρτίου**

Η ΕΚΤ έχει οριστεί ως εξεταστικό κέντρο για την πιστοποίηση της Ελληνομάθειας από το Κέντρο Ελληνικής Γλώσσας του Υπουργείου Παιδείας της Ελλάδας. Οι κάτοχοι του πιστοποιητικού Ελληνομάθειας εξασφαλίζουν διεθνή αναγνώριση του γλωσσικού τους επιπέδου και μπορούν να το χρησιμοποιήσουν για σπουδές σε ελληνικά πανεπιστήμια ή για επαγγελματικούς λόγους.

Το πρόγραμμα σπουδών της ΕΚΤ βασίζεται στις αρχές διδασκαλίας της ελληνικής ως ξένης/ δεύτερης γλώσσας και ακολουθεί τα επίπεδα και τους επιμέρους στόχους που εξετάζονται στο πλαίσιο της πιστοποίησης επάρκειας της ελληνομάθειας. Ιδιαίτερη έμφαση δίνεται στην καλλιέργεια και των τεσσάρων δεξιοτήτων, με τη χρήση στρατηγικών μάθησης τόσο του προφορικού όσο και του γραπτού λόγου και πρακτικών εφαρμογών μέσα στην τάξη για κάθε δεξιότητα. Κοινός στόχος του προγράμματος είναι η λειτουργική χρήση της γλώσσας από τους μαθητές.

Στην πρωτοβάθμια εκπαίδευση (νηπιαγωγείο ως 8η τάξη), το αναλυτικό πρόγραμμα των σχολείων μας προβλέπει την πιστοποίηση των μαθητών μας στα επίπεδα Α1 (Δ΄ Τάξη), Α2 (ΣΤ΄ Τάξη) και Β1 (Β΄ Γυμνασίου). Ακολούθως, στη δευτεροβάθμια εκπαίδευση (Credit School), επιδιώκεται η πιστοποίηση των μαθητών μας στα επίπεδα Β2 (Α΄ Λυκείου) και Γ1/Γ2 (Γ΄ Λυκείου).

Παράλληλα οι μαθητές που ξεκινούν την ελληνόγλωσση εκπαίδευση για πρώτη φορά από την 9η τάξη μπορούν να πιστοποιηθούν τον επόμενο χρόνο στο επίπεδο Α1 για εφήβους και να συνεχίσουν στα επόμενα επίπεδα ανάλογα με την πρόοδό τους στη γλώσσα. Το ίδιο ισχύει και για τους μαθητές των τμημάτων ενηλίκων.

### **REGISTRATIONS: February 1 - March 22**

The GCT is an official test centre for the Ellinomatheia Exams recognized by the Centre of the Greek Language of the Greek Ministry of Education. Specifically, Ellinomatheia exams are the only official tests to examine the second/foreign language learners in their various skills in Greek. People who obtain the Ellinomatheia certification are recognized worldwide for their language qualifications, which can be used to study in universities in Greece or for professional reasons.

Paideia is based on the precept of Greek being taught as a second/foreign language, and it follows both the levels and objectives, which are assessed in the Ellinomatheia exams. A special emphasis is given towards the balanced cultivation of all learning goals, using strategic lessons to make sure that both the

oral and written communication criteria have been met at each level. A common objective of the program is the functional usage of the language by the students.

For elementary school students (kindergarten to Grade 8), our curriculum allows students to obtain certification for levels A1 (Grade 4), A2 (Grade 6) and B1 (Grade 8). At the secondary level (Credit School), students will be able to successfully pass the exams for levels B2 in Grade 10, C1 or C2 in grade 12. Students who start Greek school in Grade 9 can obtain the A1 certification, and continue moving up the levels depending on their commitment and performance. The same conditions apply for adult students.

## **F. CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION**

### **NEW MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE CURRICULUM: PAIDEIA**

In an effort to reform Greek Language and Heritage Programs, the Greek Community of Toronto leads the way by collaborating with the University of West Macedonia in the development of a Modern Greek Language Curriculum. This new Greek language program, which is called Paideia, is tailored to meet the needs and interests of students who learn Greek as a second or foreign language. It is our true conviction that all students of Greek Heritage should attend Greek Language and Heritage Programs, and for this reason we developed a program that not only helps students become proficient in Greek, but also allows them to preserve their Greek identity. Paideia is a complete education program that integrates the teaching of language and culture in a proficiency-based model, and it aims to meet the learning needs of students whose first language is not Greek. It is important to stress the fact that with the help of Paideia anyone can learn Greek, and necessarily only students who have Greek roots. The syllabus for each grade level contains 30 units that address the learning needs of students who study Greek, from kindergarten to the end of secondary education (6-18 years old). This syllabus has already proven to be very effective in our classrooms, and it can become an invaluable tool for all organizations which aspire to support Greek Language and Heritage studies.

Due to the fact that Paideia is a proficiency-based language program it can easily be implemented in all types of schools, from intensive programs to less comprehensive programs. All communities and organizations that run a Greek school will benefit from a program that offers clear learning goals and expectations, and continuity through all the grades of Greek school.

“Paideia” is a Modern Greek Language, Literature and Heritage Program which integrates the teaching of language and culture in a proficiency-based model, and it aims to meet the learning needs of students whose first language is not Greek, and it is based on the latest research and theoretical frameworks in the field of language instruction.

As an effective Greek language program Paideia successfully fulfils the following requirements of Modern Curricula:

a) It supports the instruction of Modern Greek as a second or foreign language. Since the majority of our students live in a purely English-speaking environment, it is crucial for the success of this program to acknowledge their special learning profiles. Greek language learners will benefit from this program as it is

based on international best-practice models for the instruction of international languages. Also, it integrates the teaching of language and culture in a proficiency-based model that caters to students from all backgrounds.

b) It takes into account the Ontario curricula for the instruction of English and International Languages. Thus, it incorporates elements (teaching and learning strategies, assessment tools etc.) that are familiar to students from their day schools. This helps students make deeper connections with prior knowledge and understanding that ultimately enable them to acquire higher Greek language skills. Additionally, it takes into account the views of the Council of Canadian Ministries of Education with respect to the educational value of the Common European Framework. Specifically, the Council's analysis and evaluation of this framework is described in detail in the document "Working with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in the Canadian Context: Guide for policy-makers and curriculum designers". This effort by the Council intended to generate reflection among ministries of education and

local jurisdictions, such as school boards, universities, and research centres, with respect to the potential use of the CEFR in the Canadian context. It provides possible avenues of direction to policy-makers and curriculum designers with regard to the use of the CEFR in the Canadian context, taking into account Canadian concepts of language teaching, learning, and assessment, recent research developments, and innovative programs that have been implemented in Canadian provinces and territories for over 30 years. This initiative is part of an ongoing societal response shaped by citizen mobility and by increasing numbers of multicultural and multilingual newcomers to Canada. The council concludes that the CEFR should play a central role in the instruction of international language.

c) It is in accordance with the guidelines stipulated by Greek Legislation with respect to the acquisition of language skills and the respective levels of Greek Language Proficiency. Specifically, the levels of attainment of all aspects of the Greek language are defined by the Common European Framework of References for Languages: Learning, teaching, assessment. The Common European Framework provides a common basis for the elaboration of language syllabuses, curriculum guidelines, examinations, textbooks, etc. across Europe.

d) It describes in a comprehensive way what language learners have to learn to do in order to use a language for communication and what knowledge and skills they have to develop so as to be able to act effectively. Additionally, the description covers the cultural context in which the Greek language is set. Finally, the CEFR also defines levels of proficiency which allow learners' progress to be measured at each stage of learning and on a life-long basis.

### **Principals and Key Features of Paideia:**

#### **A. It is modern, as it aims to:**

- Utilise contemporary and research-based teaching theories, which will enable instructors to apply the most effective teaching approaches
- Introduce active and cooperative learning, which enhance student participation in various learning environments that promote communication. Thus, every student's learning is whole and envelops all aspects of language (listening, speaking, reading, writing, etc.).



- Develop multi-literacies, which allow students to construct meaning from the cultural and linguistic features that are present in Greek Culture and Language.
- Cultivate cognitive and metacognitive language learning strategies.
- Promote bilingual awareness, and help students make connections between English and Greek.
- Enhance students' creativity, communication, and critical thinking skills.
- Apply alternative forms of assessment, (personal learning plan, student portfolio, self and peer assessment etc.).

**B. It is balanced, as it aims to:**

- Introduce a “balanced approach” to Greek language education. This will lead to the utilisation and construction of a wide variety of materials that support differentiated instruction. Additionally, this syllabus will highlight a host of different elements that can be found in a contemporary literacy program,

(i.e., teaching resources and tools, methods of instruction and assessment, etc.). This “balanced approach” will be beneficial to all students.

- Catalogue different learning activities and teaching techniques, which meet the needs, interests and learning profiles of all students.

**C. It is student-centred and inclusive, as it aims to:**

- Utilise students’ prior knowledge, and attainment level
- Meet diverse needs and interests
- Satisfy different learning styles (sensory, multimodal learning environment)
- Engage all students in the learning process

**D. It is cross-curricular, as it aims to:**

- Organize and connect content with the culture, history and traditions of Greece and Canada
- Promote intercultural awareness, multilingualism, plurilingualism and global citizenship

**E. It is Detailed, as it aims to:**

- Provide complete lesson plans and solid guidance to all Greek language teachers. Learning goals, overall and specific, are described in detail and they are easy to comprehend. Similarly, teaching strategies are specific and easy to be applied in the classroom. Thus, teacher guides are a perfect companion for all educators, regardless of their experience. Moreover, these guides are especially beneficial to Greek language instructors who are not certified teachers.

## **F. It is flexible, as it aims to:**

- Support language programs of a wide variety of schools (private, after school etc.) with different learning objectives. Specifically, the syllabus differentiates learning expectations according to their educational value. Therefore, schools with more intensive programs can adopt a more comprehensive instructional approach, whereas schools with basic programs are able to focus on the fundamental and most important learning objectives (“Big Ideas”) that are outlined in the syllabus. Finally, due to the fact that “Paideia” integrates the teaching of language and culture in a proficiency-based model, students have the ability to enter at different points, depending on their language proficiency.

### **Νέο Σύγχρονο Αναλυτικό Πρόγραμμα: «ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ»**

Η Ελληνική Κοινότητα πρωτοπορεί στο χώρο της Ελληνόγλωσσης Εκπαίδευσης στο Εξωτερικό. Στα πλαίσια των διαχρονικών προσπαθειών μας να αναβαθμίσουμε την ποιότητα των σχολείων μας, παρουσιάσαμε ένα νέο πρόγραμμα σπουδών με την ονομασία «Παιδεία». Πρόκειται για ένα ολοκληρωμένο πρόγραμμα εκμάθησης της ελληνικής γλώσσας, το οποίο εφαρμόζουμε με επιτυχία από το 2014. Ενθαρρύνουμε, όλες τις Ελληνικές Κοινότητες, οργανισμούς και οικογένειες, να μάθουν περισσότερα για το αποτελεσματικό αυτό πρόγραμμα σπουδών, το οποίο είναι το πρώτο και μοναδικό πρόγραμμα ελληνόγλωσσης εκπαίδευσης στον κόσμο, το οποίο καλύπτει όλες τις τάξεις από το

νηπιαγωγείο έως και την Γ' Λυκείου. Επίσης, είναι το μοναδικό πρόγραμμα σπουδών, το οποίο βασίζεται στις εξετάσεις της Ελληνομάθειας και το Κοινό Ευρωπαϊκό Πλαίσιο Αναφοράς για την εκμάθηση ξένων

γλωσσών. Τέλος, το πρόγραμμα Παιδεία είναι ένα ολοκληρωμένο πρόγραμμα σπουδών, διότι περιλαμβάνει ένα αναλυτικό πρόγραμμα, σχολικά εγχειρίδια για τους μαθητές και αναλυτικούς οδηγούς για τους εκπαιδευτικούς.

Το νέο αναλυτικό πρόγραμμα «Παιδεία» που αποσκοπεί στην καλλιέργεια της Ελληνικής Γλώσσας και Πολιτισμού στα σχολεία μας, είναι επιστημονικά τεκμηριωμένο και βασίζεται σε στοιχεία των παρακάτω Θεωρητικών Πλαισίων και Προγραμμάτων Σπουδών:

1. Το Κοινό Ευρωπαϊκό Πλαίσιο Αναφοράς για τις Γλώσσες που καθορίζει τα επίπεδα γλωσσομάθειας από Α1 έως Γ2 ανάλογα με το επίπεδο γνώσης της γλώσσας, ικανότητας χειρισμού της και επικοινωνίας με αυτή.
2. Το αναλυτικό πρόγραμμα της Ελλάδας για την εκμάθηση της Ελληνικής ως μητρική.
3. Τις τελευταίες σύγχρονες Παιδαγωγικές Θεωρίες για την εκμάθηση γλωσσών (μητρικής, δεύτερης ή ξένης)
4. Το αναλυτικό πρόγραμμα του Οντάριο για το μάθημα της γλώσσας.
5. Το Θεωρητικό Πλαίσιο και τα Προγράμματα Σπουδών του Πανεπιστημίου Κρήτης
6. Τα πορίσματα της μελέτης του Συμβουλίου των Υπουργών Παιδείας του

Καναδά πάνω στην εκπαιδευτική αξία του Κοινού Ευρωπαϊκού Πλαισίου Αναφοράς για τις Γλώσσες και κατά πόσο αυτό το Πλαίσιο Αναφοράς έχει θέσει στην Καναδική Εκπαιδευτική Πραγματικότητα.

Στο Αναλυτικό Πρόγραμμα κάθε τάξης-επιπέδου λαμβάνονται επίσης υπόψη:

- α) Οι βασικές αρχές για τη διδασκαλία δεύτερης/ξένης γλώσσας και οι σύγχρονες επικοινωνιακές παιδαγωγικές θεωρίες και μέθοδοι διδασκαλίας και αξιολόγησης
- β) Η σύνδεση της αγγλικής με την ελληνική γλώσσα, κυρίως μέσα από την πληθώρα λέξεων-εκφράσεων ελληνικής προέλευσης που ήδη γνωρίζουν οι μαθητές από το πρωινό τους σχολείο
- γ) Η ηλικία και το στάδιο γνωστικής, συναισθηματικής και ψυχολογικής ανάπτυξης των μαθητών
- δ) Το φυσικό, πολυπολιτισμικό και κοινωνικό περιβάλλον του Καναδά και της ελληνικής παροικίας στην οποία συμμετέχουν οι μαθητές
- ε) Οι νέες τεχνολογίες και οι δυνατότητες εκπαιδευτικής και παιδαγωγικής αξιοποίησης ηλεκτρονικών πηγών και εργαλείων του διαδικτύου
- στ) Το φυσικό, πολιτισμικό και κοινωνικό περιβάλλον της σύγχρονης Ελλάδας
- η) Ο χρόνος που έχουν οι μαθητές στη διάθεσή τους για την ελληνόγλωσση εκπαίδευση, σε συνδυασμό με άλλες σχολικές και εξωσχολικές τους δραστηριότητες.

Κεντρικοί μας στόχοι είναι οι μαθητές μας να γίνουν άριστοι χειριστές της ελληνικής γλώσσας και να διατηρήσουν την ελληνική ταυτότητα. Ο ελληνικός πολιτισμός, οι ελληνικές αξίες και οι ελληνορθόδοξες παραδόσεις αποτελούν τα καλύτερα αγαθά και εφόδια που μπορούμε να χαρίσουμε στα παιδιά μας.

Ακόμη, επιδιώκουμε η γλωσσομάθεια των μαθητών μας να πιστοποιείται αντικειμενικά και με διαφάνεια μέσα από τη συμμετοχή τους στις εξετάσεις της Ελληνομάθειας, οι οποίες διοργανώνονται από το Υπουργείο Παιδείας της Ελλάδας. Οι μαθητές του προγράμματος Παιδεία έχουν τη δυνατότητα να αποκτήσουν διεθνώς αναγνωρισμένα πιστοποιητικά Ελληνομάθειας. Τέλος, σε όλα τα τμήματα της Ελληνικής Κοινότητας από το νηπιαγωγείο μέχρι την Β' Γυμνασίου οι μαθητές εκτός από το γλωσσικό μάθημα, διδάσκονται παραδοσιακούς χορούς και τραγούδια, λαογραφία, θρησκευτικά, στοιχεία ιστορίας, μυθολογίας, γεωγραφίας και καλές τέχνες.

## **Join the Paideia Network.**

**Our vision: Opportunity and success through language and culture.** Learning different languages and being immersed in a variety of cultures can transform your life. We aim to provide enriched learning opportunities for everyone, from children in preschool all the way up to high school and university. At the centre of Paideia is our belief that all students can learn Greek and reach their full potential as happy and productive global citizens. We strive to be recognized for providing the highest quality of Greek Language & Heritage services to the Paideia community. The Paideia Committee and the Paideia Department of Education extend an open invitation to all Greek communities and Organizations to work together and in partnership to achieve our common goals and vision.

Sincerely,

Kostas Flegas, Director of Education

