

Definition of Terms

Grades

A grade is an annual stage in a school program. For example, In Ontario secondary school students are enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Credits

A “credit” is a value attached to a course. One full credit is granted in recognition of the successful completion of a course that has been scheduled for a minimum of 110 hours. Partial credits may be granted for some courses scheduled with reduced hours.

Report cards

Depending on the school, students receive 2 or more report cards issued by the school, detailing their academic progress. This is not an official record of the student’s marks. In addition to those reports, issued by the school, Red Leaf’s Local Coordinators make regular reports on the student’s progress, as well as their integration into the host family.

Student transcripts

The student transcript provides an official, comprehensive record of the credits that a secondary school student has earned. This record will include all the credits gained by the student. As part of Red Leaf’s services to our students we offer to obtain the transcripts from the school and have them validated, if necessary. However, those transcripts are not available from school until at least one month after the school’s examination period is finished. Validation will require extra time.

NOTE: Students, parents and agents must understand that once transcripts have been requested, the time it takes to receive the documents is beyond our control.

Non-semester system

The non-semester school system offers students 8 full-time courses students attend from September to June. The school year (10 months) is divided into three terms. At the end of each term, a report card is issued. No academic credit is granted until the end of the school year in June.

All Quebec and selected British Columbia schools also operate on the non-semester system.

Semester system

The semester system has two terms with the students completing four courses each term. The terms run from September to January and February to June. This is an ideal system for students arriving in January.

All Ontario, Alberta and several British Columbia schools in this manual operate on Semester system.