

Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB)

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is the largest publicly funded Catholic School-Board in Canada. In 2022, 83,584 students were enrolled in over 195 schools serviced by 14,000 staff.

Why ON-Marg?

The TCDSB prefers ON-Marg data due to transparency in design, accessibility with open data, statistical reliability and validity. Leveraging the use of this data adds public accountability and credibility to programming, resourcing and understanding student trajectories.

How Do You Use On-Marg?

The TCDSB Research Department uses ON-Marg to understand the sociodemographic of both school communities and the neighbourhoods in which students are living to support and resource schools equitably.

For example, using the material deprivation index, we provide additional funding to schools where the school population is characterized by a high proportion of students living with socioeconomic stress according to the neighbourhoods they live in. The TCDSB research department also uses the ON-Marg data to conduct academic outcome studies. To illustrate, the material deprivation index was used to control the confounding effect of socioeconomic in order to understand ethno-racial disparities in academic performance and credit accumulation.

Current and Future Use of ON-Marg

ON-Marg is a very important tool, with a high return on impact. We plan to use it as long as it is available.



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