

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Transcripts - Anytime, Anywhere and Online**

Effective April 2023, the [International Programs Division](#) of the [Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development](#) joined [MyCreds™](#), the National Network and credential wallet developed and owned by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC). The MyCreds™ platform will be used by International Programs as an official means to issue academic documents, including transcripts and diplomas. International Programs oversees the delivery of the Nova Scotia Public School Program to more than 2,200 students at sixteen schools throughout China, Bangladesh, and the United Arab Emirates. Those students will be the first Nova Scotia High School diploma recipients to benefit from this secure online access to their academic documents.

**International Programs Division** - *“We are pleased to offer the MyCreds™ digital platform as we are committed to supporting students and graduates of International Programs schools as they continue their academic pursuits,” says Jerry Thibeau, Director of International Programs. “Students should feel confident in the knowledge that their official academic documents are secure, along with the assurance that they control how, when, and with whom they share those documents.”*

MyCreds™ has significant advantages for International Programs schools’ students and graduates, post-secondary institutions, employers, government, and other third parties. For students, the convenience of 24/7 access, full control of how and when they share their academic documents, and added security are improvements to previous methods of requesting and accessing academic documents. The new service will also streamline International Programs’ processes for document verification and distribution. Post-secondary institutions, and other third parties will benefit from the confidence, trust, and fraud protection that the new wallet offers.

*“The launch of the International Programs Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development on MyCreds™ is a first for the province and for the network,” says Romesh Vadivel, ARUCC MyCreds™ Project Board Director. “Supporting international learners studying the Nova Scotia curriculum at these schools around the world represents a wonderful way to support mobility with 24/7 access to official, verifiable documents. We are proud to help the government provide these comprehensive digital document supports.”*

### **About MyCreds™**

MyCreds™ is a national, shared service and platform that provides students and graduates access to a secure, online, password protected learner credential wallet. This virtual wallet allows them to view and share their verified and official transcripts, credentials, and academic documents in a digitized format on a 24/7 basis – anytime, anywhere. It also enables sharing between organizations with the learner’s permission. Secure, cryptographically signed documents can be sent conveniently and require no further verification.

MyCreds™ is the first and only national bilingual system of its kind in Canada. Visit [www.mycreds.ca](http://www.mycreds.ca) for more details or contact ARUCC's Executive Lead, Joanne Duklas at [info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca](mailto:info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca).

Through **MyCreds™**, students will be able to securely and conveniently access and share their academic documents with colleges and universities, government, employers, and third parties. Documents issued through MyCreds™ are tamper-evident and cryptographically signed, making them authentic and official.

### **About the International Programs Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development**

The International Programs Division promotes Nova Scotia as a leader in curricula and learning by helping to build and strengthen Nova Scotia's reputation as a global education partner. There are currently fourteen schools in China, one in Bangladesh, and one in the United Arab Emirates offering the Nova Scotia Public School Program approved by the Province of Nova Scotia, through the International Programs Division. The program is taught in English, and students must meet the same graduation requirements as students in Nova Scotia public schools in order to receive a Nova Scotia high school diploma. Official transcripts are produced by the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development from grades stored on a secure online student information system.

### **About ARUCC**

The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) owns MyCreds™. ARUCC provides leadership in the post-secondary education field and service to its member institutions nationally and internationally, helping foster the advancement of registrarial practices and learner focused service delivery in Canada.

### **About Digitary by Parchment**

Digitary by Parchment provides the underlying engine powering MyCreds™. Digitary was launched in Dublin, Ireland in 2005, and has grown to become a leading online platform for certifying, sharing, and verifying academic credentials. Learner-centric since the very start, Digitary enables millions of learners to share their verified academic achievements online, securely, quickly and easily. Digitary is now used by organizations in over 135 countries. For further details visit [www.digitary.net](http://www.digitary.net).

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List of NS Program Schools

1. Abu Dhabi Grammar School (Canada)
2. Canadian International School Bangladesh
3. Chengdu Foreign Languages School
4. Guangzhou Experimental Foreign Language School
5. Guiyang No. 1 High School
6. Henan Experimental High School
7. Karamay Senior High School
8. Luoyang No. 1 High School
9. Middle School attached to Hebei Normal University – Shijiazhuang
10. Nanchang No. 2 High School
11. Sanya Overseas Chinese School
12. Shenyang No. 2 High School
13. Soochow University High School
14. Tangshan No. 1 High School
15. Weide – Nova Scotia High School
16. Xingtai No. 1 High School