

Etobicoke School of the Arts

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GRADE RANGE: 9 to 12

Interesting Feature

Learn From Professionals

We host many visiting artists who have professional credentials in each area of study.

Learn from choreographers, music accompanists, professional musicians, visual artists, costume and set designers.

Learn and perform in professional facilities. We have an impressive schedule of performances and students present in our 675 seat auditorium or our intimate 75-seat theatre. Our teachers are enthusiastic about their students and provide an extensive extra-curricular program, including sports, artistic and charitable events. We promise you an exceptional learning experience.

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Arts Focus Programs

Perfect your skills in our spaces specifically designed for the study of the arts. We have three dance studios with barres, mirrored walls and professional quality sprung flooring. For our visual arts students, we have sculpture and printmaking studios, a photography darkroom and three spacious studios. Our music facilities include two music theatre classrooms, small practice rooms and separate rooms for vocal, string and band instruction. Drama students develop their skills in our small studio theatre, as well as large open spaces for acting and practice. We also have a cross curricular open studio suitable for various activities.



The Right Resources to Create Excellence

We support our students with an extensive collection of learning resources including books, periodicals, CDs, DVDs, musical scores, Internet and specialized electronic databases. We have numerous multi-media labs with Adobe Creative Suite CS software and extensive computer peripherals; a specialized music and film lab; and a darkroom and mini digital photography lab.

Test Drive Potential Careers

Our dedicated teachers give their students academic support and career counselling . The best learning is hands-on experience and exposure to professionals. Our students are asked to perform at events throughout Toronto and love the additional experience and exposure to new audiences. Our music theatre students perform with the Toronto Symphony at Roy Thompson Hall.

Academic Excellence

Our academic curriculum offers a full range of courses while giving you the flexibility to be fully engaged in your arts major. Students must balance a rigorous academic workload with numerous extra-curricular performances. Our graduates are very successful in gaining admission to post-secondary institutions, including universities, colleges and arts schools.

Student Life

Our student-run athletic council supports numerous sports. We compete in cross-country, golf, basketball, volleyball, swimming, hockey, skiing, snowboarding, baseball, slo-pitch, soccer and track and field. Our students also get involved in groups like Student Council, fundraising initiatives, Black History month, Christian Fellowship, ECO schools and ESA ambassadors.

Additional Features

- Shaftesbury Film Partnership
- Black History Celebration
- SEEDS Environmental group
- Extensive Sports
- Me to We Leadership
- Empowered Student Partnerships



Student Life - Where You Belong

In addition to co-curricular arts programming student life is full at ESA where the arts meet fundraising in student created events such as Goatstock and Solstice. Student created arts collectives such as the Ironside Collective show in local galleries to rave revues. Our Student Council fundraises for Sketch, a Toronto art studio for at-risk youth. "Arts Showcase" features all six art majors in an evening of collaborative, innovative, artistic endeavours. Black History Celebration is student produced event that features original choreography, drama, music and film. The 60 Second Film Festival is open to the whole school and this year lasted more than 72 minutes. Do the math and you get 72 different student films featured in the Festival. How do you balance swimming practices and drama rehearsals or hockey games and music concerts? ESA students meet this challenge every day by not only participating in co-curricular arts activities but joining in the fun of competitive sports. This busy schedule is maintained while engaging in a rigorous academic program. As a result ESA boasts one of the top EQAO scores in Literacy in the Province.



What Sets Us Apart

ESA is not only renowned for its arts programming but equally revered for its rigorous academic program. Although many of our students pursue a career in the arts after high school just as many attend top universities to pursue challenging academic programs. Our students participate in the University of Waterloo's Math Contests and are both medal winners and certificate winners. Our science department has graduating students attending top universities such as Queen's for pure sciences, Waterloo for computer engineering, McMaster for life sciences, Western for biological and medical sciences, McGill for arts and science and Guelph for environmental science. Students in the Canadian Law and International Law course participate in mock trials as lawyers, defendants and witnesses, experiencing first hand the essence of our judicial system. The annual ESA History fair is an outdoor event featuring ancient tea ceremonies, historical re-enactments, archery exhibitions and improvised dramatizations of historical figures.



Parent and Community Engagement

ESA students perform at Roy Thomson Hall, at major conferences and at venues throughout Toronto. ESA's outreach to the community includes performances at local elementary schools and community events. Our doors open to the larger community for major performances such as Mainstage, Dance Night and the annual Musical. ESA boasts two parent groups. The ESA School Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the school library. SESAT, Supporters of Etobicoke School of the Arts Talent, a special parent committee devoted to raising funds for the 6 Arts specialty areas raises funds through a craft fair, silent auction, refreshment sales and comedy night. SESAT has designated charitable status. Annually parents attend special interest meetings and information sessions on topics such as adolescent behaviours and healthy lifestyles.



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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