

# Lester B Pearson Collegiate Institute

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**GRADE RANGE:** 9 to 12

## Interesting Feature

### Features

- Advanced Placement credits in 4th year Math, Chemistry & Biology
- Enriched classes in Math, Science, and English
- The 'STEPS' program offers an additional university credit
- Specialized High Skills Major-Health and Wellness
- 2 & 4 Credit Co-op
- Dual credits that grant College credits
- Africentric focus in Grades 9 and 10 through the Nighana Program
- Extensive co-curricular & athletic activities with a wide range of teams, intramural tournaments, clubs, special events and leadership opportunities

## Peace Through Understanding

Lester B. Pearson C.I. is a full service school in a multicultural neighbourhood with students coming from 56 different countries, speaking 42 languages, and practicing 17 different religions. We promote appreciation of diversity as inspired by our motto, "Peace through Understanding", taken from the 1957 Nobel Peace Prize speech by our former Prime Minister, Lester B. Pearson. We pride ourselves in offering a full range of programs to students of all levels as well as an extensive co-curricular program which provides many opportunities for student leadership and personal growth. Our school's specialization in Health & Wellness links various curriculum areas to Health Care and features a Specialized High Skills Major.

## Specialist High Skills Major - Health and Wellness

The Health and Wellness Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) allows students to acquire technical knowledge and skills that will assist them in entering a future career of their choice. Pearson students will receive recognition on their high school diploma and a set of industry-recognized certification. This program is recognized by colleges, universities, and employers, giving our students a head start in life.





### Pre & Advanced Placement (AP)

Our AP program is recognized by universities in both Canada and the United States. You can earn advanced standing at university in mathematics and science through our AP Calculus, Chemistry and Biology courses.

Be challenged by our enriched (pre-AP) English, Math, and Science courses.



### Co-operative Education & OYAP

Now more than ever before students can test drive the career of their choice by taking Co-op courses, the Health and Wellness SHSM, or OYAP to enhance their learning. The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) allows students to earn trade apprenticeship hours in their chosen field while earning Co-op credits at the same time.



### Dual Credit Courses

If you want to earn a college credit while in high school, you are a perfect candidate for the dual credit program. Pearson is partnered with several colleges in Toronto to offer college courses absolutely free. Upon successful completion of the course, you can receive two high school credits and one college credit.



### Tutoring Programs and School Support

The Peer Tutor program pairs students with a peer tutor trained through 'Licence to Learn'.

Pearson features a variety of Student Success initiatives including the Language Lab, Focus on Success program, Continuous Intake Co-op, and Credit Recovery.

The STYLES after school homework club and Malvern Family Resource Centre offer support for our students at our school.



### Additional Features

- Full Service School
- STEPS - U of T university credit
- STYLE - after school tutoring
- Extra-curricular activities
- Community Partnerships
- SHSM Program
- Variety of Sports teams
- Expanding Technology Program



## Student Life - Where You Belong

Pearson has a vibrant tradition of co-curricular programs, allowing students to explore their interests and enhance their skills and talents as well as broaden their interactions with other students and staff. Leadership opportunities include the Students' Administrative Council, Yearbook Committee, Prefects, Athletic Council, Super Council, Trinity Theatre, and the Audio Visual Crew. We have over 70 competitive athletic teams, clubs and intramural activities for everyone. Dramatic productions are flourishing including an annual exciting school play.

Students play a vital role in organizing and participating in the many assemblies and events we celebrate at Pearson, such as Remembrance Day, May Fair, Black History Month, International Night, and so much more. In addition, there are opportunities to become involved in larger global issues through Free the Children and World Vision, which conduct campaigns to raise funds and awareness, such as the 30 Hour Famine.

It is through being involved in our school and community that we uphold our motto – Peace through Understanding.



## What Sets Us Apart

Pearson reaches the whole student. A strong academic program is enhanced by equally strong co-curriculars.

Students can participate in athletics, leadership development, and interest clubs. We offer a wide range of options to explore: Arts, Technology, Business, Social Sciences, Physical Education, etc.

In addition, Pearson features the academic Nighana program in Grades 9 and 10. It is designed to support students by enhancing their motivation towards success through exploring Africentric literature, providing smaller classroom settings and individualized support. Reaching the whole student means that we are constantly looking for ways to support and meet student needs and interests. Our Co-operative Education program includes both two and four credit programs. We have partnerships with colleges and the University of Toronto to offer post secondary credits. Our Specialist High Skills Major in Health & Wellness is a program unique to the Northeast region of the TDSB.





## Parent and Community Engagement

Pearson has been selected to become a Full Service school, welcoming community groups to use this facility in non-school hours. Pearson has fostered partnerships and connections with community organizations and businesses, and we are assisted by a strong School Advisory Council that meets each month. We acknowledge our student success with our Commencement Ceremonies, Recognition Assemblies and Student of the Month awards. We foster community partnerships, Malvern Family Resource Centre, YMCA Employer Services, Newcomer Youth Services, Taibu Community Health, and STYLES.



## 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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