

Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts

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GRADE RANGE: 9 to 12

Interesting Feature

Special Series Visual & Media Arts

Our intensive four-year conservatory program is designed to lead you to careers in visual and media arts. While you earn your high school diploma, you will complete 12 art credits. We help you prepare your portfolio for interviews for college or university fine arts programs. We give you the creative freedom to make your mark. Alumni are represented in galleries across the world, and in diverse careers in art and design. Teachers and visiting artists are part of the professional arts community.

Mission Statement: Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts, an outstanding school designed to deliver visual/media arts and the performing arts at a professional level, provides a strong academic, athletic, and technological program for all its students. Its safe and caring environment inspires life-long learning and a desire for personal excellence.

Performing Arts

We deliver an interdisciplinary performance-based program at the professional level. We offer two unique auditioned streams: music theatre and drama focus, each consisting of two credits per year, designed to prepare students for college or university entrance and a performing arts career. Our students and alumni appear in dinner theatre, major musicals, films and television productions. They grace the stage at Shaw Festival and at theatres across Canada. Teachers and visiting artists are part of the professional arts community.





ARTS Facilities

The Wexford Art Centre has large studios equipped for each discipline, including a dark room, a film editing suite, and a two-story sculpture studio. Performing arts students learn in dedicated spaces as well: dance and drama studios, music room, theatre auditorium, a new black box rehearsal space, and a state of the art scene shop for set design and construction



Training and Programs

The Visual and Media Arts program includes various disciplines. 'Harrys' are offered every spring for outstanding work in film and our students' work is showcased in the Great Masters Art Show.

The Performing Arts Drama Focus and Music Theatre programs give students the opportunity to put on various productions throughout the school year.



Accessibility

We are large enough to offer a wide variety of options and small enough to know and support each student. Students with physical disabilities are welcome in our barrier-free facilities. Our special programs and our student services work with students who need additional support in any academic field, offering career, educational, and personal counselling.



Community: Prepare for Post-secondary Life

Efforts, like the cross curricular literacy committee, support success for all students. Achievements in school-based projects, such as in math competitions and international business awards, to the strong academic showing by students in the visual and performing arts programs, and in the scholarships and placements at colleges and universities are extraordinary.



Additional Features



Student Life - Where You Belong

Student Activity Council (SAC) Student leadership is one of the best things about Wexford. Our amazing Student Activity Council welcomes new students in August. The SAC supports all teams, clubs, and events. It organizes charity drives, pep-rallies, and student assemblies. **Wexford Intramural Team (W.I.T)** is Wexford's athletic council, a group of students who meet weekly to organize intramural sports, fundraisers and events that make Wexford such a cool place to be, such as Grade 9 welcome day in September, one of our biggest events, with friendly sports and activities. **Student Activities** Get involved in our sound and light crew, film and art clubs, the improv troupe or poetry café. Participate in our spirit week, seasonal events, and Viking Challenge, a competitive sports event. Join WAYV (Wex Against Youth Violence). There are many trips far and near to support the curriculum and there are too many clubs and teams to list here.



What Sets Us Apart

The Wexford Difference

“My training...was comparable to students in post-secondary programs,” explains a former student and recipient of the Glenna Carr Sheridan National Digital Media Scholarship. “Many students like me... in first and second year college and university programs... were at the head of their classes, as we had learned such technique and software programs at Wexford.” Our visual and performing arts students achieve strong academic results. Another exciting difference at Wexford is the state-of-the-art WexFit Centre devoted to aerobic and weight training. The centre is open before, during and after school. All students take physical education, and our facilities include a swimming pool, and full-size football field. There is a common lunch hour, and many extracurricular activities to fill that time.





Parent and Community Engagement

- **Visual Arts:** "Harry's" Awards go to student films screened in May; Great Masters Art show displays over 1000 student works including paintings, sculpture and installations; Students are commissioned to create murals in the community - **Music Theatre:** Public performances of variety shows in December with a major Musical in May. Several community performances throughout the year - Drama Focus Performances in January/June. - **Cooperative Education placements** include Science Centre - Lab technician, Sunnybrook Stables - Horse trainer, Firefighting, Police Force, EMS, Sunnybrook Hospital. An active and vibrant **School Council** reviews school policy, exchanges information and advocates for school improvement. **Parent Information Nights** include Grade 8 Information Night, report card review, and post secondary planning information.



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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