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## OUR SCHOOL

North Albion Collegiate Institute (NACI) offers courses at the Advanced Placement, Academic, Applied, Open, and Locally Developed levels leading to university, college, workplace and apprenticeship destinations to meet the needs of its diverse student population. Areas of special interest include Sciences, Mathematics, CyberEdge, Leadership, Interdisciplinary Studies, the Arts (including Steel Band, Drama, and Dance), Yearbook, Co-operative Education, and a thriving Technological Studies program.

Our students distinguish themselves by winning scholarships, awards, and contests in academic as well as co-curricular areas. Graduates from NACI have successfully entered highly coveted professions such as medicine and engineering. We offer a host of enrichment opportunities as well as co-curricular activities such as robotics, athletics, visual arts, and nation-wide performances in dance and steel band. Students participate in and earn local, provincial and national championships and awards.

NACI staff, students and parents work together as a community to demonstrate our commitment to celebrating diversity and community service. This commitment is evident through initiatives of the Student and School Councils, Leadership Program, Breakfast Club, World Vision Volunteers, United Way Committee, Duke of Edinburgh Club, Empowered Student Partnerships, and the Global Spectrum Club, to name a few. NACI has a large number of community partnerships to support students in a variety of ways with academic and social/emotional development including MicroSkills, United Way, Hincks-Dellcrest, Change Your Future, Settlement Workers in Schools, Pathways to Education program, YMCA, and Toronto Public Health.

North Albion has a dynamic team of highly qualified, dedicated, caring teachers who are sensitive to the needs of adolescents and committed to quality instruction. Our staff encourage students to discover their strengths and develop leadership qualities. We believe in providing innovative opportunities to support our students' growth to become responsible, caring and capable citizens with a lifelong love of learning.

## Special Features

- ✦ Advanced Placement Courses (AP) include Chemistry, Physics, English, Advanced Functions and Calculus & Vectors
- ✦ Dual Credit courses with University of Toronto and Humber College.
- ✦ Co-curricular opportunities in the performing arts, athletics, service clubs and robotics
- ✦ Strong commitment to equity, service to the community and positive conflict resolution.
- ✦ Over 20 partnerships to support students academically and socially; homework club; breakfast program; Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

## OUR STUDENTS (As of spring 2008)

	<b>No.</b>	<b>Percent</b>
✦ Total number of students:	<b>1098</b>	
✦ Gender:		
Female	487	44%
Male	611	56%
✦ Primary language other than English:	693	64%*
✦ Students born outside of Canada:		
Students living in Canada for 2 years or less	123	11%
Students living in Canada for 3 - 5 years	181	17%

\* Calculation does not include students for whom language information is missing.

## THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB), in partnership with students, parents, teachers and all our communities, is committed to taking responsibility for continuous improvement of schools. This is achieved through:

- ✦ **Relevant Curriculum**
- ✦ **Equity**
- ✦ **Accountability**

### Regular Instructional Programs

In addition to the regular instructional program mandated by *The Ontario Curriculum*, our school offers optional programs. Details of these programs can be found in the Choices document available on the TDSB web (TDSB.on.ca). A hardcopy is provided to students and parents in January of each year to assist them in choosing courses for the following school year.

### Special Education Programs

A variety of special education programs and services are offered to meet the needs of all students, including students with exceptionalities, such as behavioural, communication, intellectual, physical and multiple learning disabilities. Students' exceptionalities are identified through a formal review process undertaken by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC).

## OUR SCHOOL ALSO OFFERS:

### Co-Curricular

#### Arts

#### Dance

- ✦ Concert & Performances
- ✦ Dance Club
- ✦ Dance Workshops
- ✦ Modern

#### Dramatic Arts

- ✦ Drama Club
- ✦ Live Production/Play
- ✦ Soulpepper Theatre

#### Integrated Programs

- ✦ Talent Show

#### Music

- ✦ A Capella
- ✦ African Drumming
- ✦ Band
- ✦ Choir
- ✦ Ensemble
- ✦ Excursions
- ✦ Music Concerts / Performances
- ✦ Music Workshops
- ✦ Steel Pan/Band
- ✦ Vocal

#### Visiting Artists

- ✦ Dance
- ✦ Drama
- ✦ Music

### Visual Arts

- ✦ Animation
- ✦ Computer/Graphic Arts
- ✦ Excursions
- ✦ Fashion
- ✦ Film/Video Workshops
- ✦ Photography
- ✦ Showcase/Competitions
- ✦ Visual Arts Workshops

### Athletics

#### Athletic Teams

- ✦ Badminton Team
- ✦ Baseball Team
- ✦ Basketball Team
- ✦ Cricket Team
- ✦ Cross Country Team
- ✦ Floor Hockey Team
- ✦ Football Team
- ✦ Golf Team
- ✦ Soccer Team
- ✦ Tennis Team
- ✦ Track and Field Team
- ✦ Volleyball Team
- ✦ Wrestling Team

#### Intramurals

- ✦ Badminton
- ✦ Basketball
- ✦ Cricket

## THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:



- ✦ Floor Hockey
- ✦ Volleyball

### **Clubs**

#### **Arts and Culture**

- ✦ Announcement Club
- ✦ Art Club
- ✦ Book Club
- ✦ Music Club
- ✦ Sound, Light and Stage Crew Club
- ✦ Video Club

#### **Literacy**

- ✦ Creative Writing Club
- ✦ Library Helpers Club
- ✦ Reading Club - Boys

#### **Math, Science and Technology**

- ✦ Math Club
- ✦ Physics Club
- ✦ Robotics Club
- ✦ Science Club

#### **Recreation and Leisure**

- ✦ Athletic Club
- ✦ Badminton Club
- ✦ Chess Club
- ✦ Golf Club
- ✦ Table Top Hockey Club
- ✦ Weight Training Club

#### **Social and Global Issues**

- ✦ Environmental Club
- ✦ Recycling Club

#### **Competitions**

##### **Academic Based**

- ✦ Computers:  
Toronto Star Newsletter Competition, National Video Competition
- ✦ FIRST Robotics
- ✦ Mathematics Competitions:  
Euclid, Fermat, Pascal, Cayley
- ✦ Ontario Business Contests:  
Ontario Business Education Competition
- ✦ Science Competitions:  
CHEM 13 News Exam, OAPT Physics Competition, U of T National Biology Competition
- ✦ Skills Canada
- ✦ Urban Voices

- ✦ VEX Robotics

#### **Arts Based**

- ✦ Sears Drama Festival:  
Student Productions

#### **Curricular Enhancement**

##### **English/Literacy**

- ✦ Borrow a Book Program
- ✦ Developmental Reading Assessment
- ✦ Family Literacy Event

##### **Guidance and Career**

- ✦ Junior Achievement

##### **Mathematics/Numeracy**

- ✦ Family Math Night

##### **Physical and Health Education**

- ✦ ACT Foundation

##### **SWSH - Social World Studies and Humanities**

- ✦ Global Development

##### **Leadership**

##### **Leadership Development**

- ✦ Duke of Edinburgh

##### **Community, Culture and Caring Culture/Caring**

##### **Camps**

- ✦ Leadership

##### **Caring**

- ✦ Change Your Future
- ✦ Earth Day Activities
- ✦ Settlement Education Partnership Toronto (SEPT)

##### **Food Programs**

- ✦ Breakfast Program
- ✦ Lunch Program

##### **Fundraisers**

- ✦ 30 Hour Famine
- ✦ CN Tower Climb
- ✦ Food Drives
- ✦ Pizza Days
- ✦ Terry Fox Run
- ✦ Toy Drives
- ✦ United Way

##### **Safe & Caring Schools**

- ✦ Attendance Program

## THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:



- ✦ Character Development Program
- ✦ Crime Stoppers
- ✦ ECO Schools
- ✦ Empowered Student Partnerships (ESP)
- ✦ Future Aces
- ✦ In the Driver's Seat
- ✦ Party in the Right Spirit
- ✦ Toronto Police Services - School Liaison Officer
- ✦ YMCA - Youth Substance Abuse Prevention

### **Social Skills**

- ✦ Conflict Management Program

### **Equity**

#### **Ethnocultural**

- ✦ African Heritage Club
- ✦ Asian Heritage Month Activities
- ✦ Courageous Conversations About Race
- ✦ Diversity Celebrations
- ✦ Faith-based Clubs:  
Bible Study Club, Muslim Prayer Club
- ✦ Heritage Celebrations

#### **School-Wide Strategy**

- ✦ Anti-Racist Education
- ✦ Equity Club
- ✦ Equity Committee
- ✦ Inclusive Curriculum and Resources
- ✦ Recognition Awards Program

#### **Mentoring**

##### **Community Based**

- ✦ EQAO Preparation
- ✦ One-on-One Mentoring Program
- ✦ Youth School-Based Prevention/ Diversion

##### **School Based**

- ✦ Peer Mentoring

#### **Tutoring**

##### **School Based**

- ✦ Homework Clubs
- ✦ Peer Tutoring
- ✦ Tutors In Our Schools (Secondary)

#### **Specializations and Other Programs**

##### **Other Programs**

##### **Other Programs Not Deemed Specialized**

- ✦ Advanced Placement Courses

#### **System Initiative**

- ✦ E-Learning and LearnCanada
- ✦ Secondary School Focus Intervention
- ✦ TDSB VirtualSchool

#### **Special Education Programs**

##### **Intensive Support Program**

- ✦ Behaviour (Behav)
- ✦ Learning Disability (LD)

##### **Resource**

- ✦ Resource (Res)

#### **Student Success**

##### **Pathways Programs**

##### **School to Work**

- ✦ Automotive (OYAP)
- ✦ Chartered Accountants of Ontario
- ✦ Humber College Co-op
- ✦ Tech in the City
- ✦ Workplace Career Exploration Visits

##### **Schools to Future**

- ✦ Bridges to Success
- ✦ Career Fair
- ✦ HSBC STEPS to University
- ✦ Pathways to Education
- ✦ Steps to College

##### **Remedial Activities**

##### **Credit Accumulation**

- ✦ Credit Recovery
- ✦ Credit Rescue

##### **Transitions**

##### **General**

- ✦ Parent Information Nights

##### **Intermediate to Secondary**

- ✦ Grade 9 Orientation:  
Moving On Up, New Orientation Week (NOW),  
Grade 9 Survival Day
- ✦ Transition Visits (Gr. 8 to 9)

Information about the success of our programs comes from a wide variety of student assessments. These assessments are based on clear expectations for all learners, consistent with those described in *The Ontario Curriculum*.

The primary purpose of student assessment is to improve learning. Assessment has the greatest potential to improve learning when it is an integral part of classroom activities. Teachers assess student progress towards achieving the expectations on an ongoing basis by using strategies such as projects, class presentations, homework assignments, classroom observations, portfolios of student work, and tests.

Schools use assessment information and information from other sources to make informed decisions for school improvement planning. Schools identify areas of strength as well as areas that require improvement. Input is obtained from a variety of sources such as student assessments, teacher feedback, parent feedback, and community surveys. In this way, schools monitor, celebrate and improve their efforts in providing a supportive and challenging learning environment for all their students.

## WHAT OUR SCHOOL IS PLANNING FOR THIS YEAR

- ♦ Grade 9 Survival Day
- ♦ Moving On Up Day for students coming into Grade 9
- ♦ NOW Program for students new to Canada
- ♦ Practice EQAO Test
- ♦ Guitar Hero fundraiser for nutrition program
- ♦ Eat Smart Certification for our healthy cafeteria menus
- ♦ Gold level EcoSchool
- ♦ African Heritage Month
- ♦ Eid & Diwali Celebrations
- ♦ Asian Heritage Month
- ♦ Kwanzaa Celebration
- ♦ Project MINT (Musical involvement for Nines and Tens)
- ♦ Credit Rescue & Credit Recovery Courses
- ♦ Student Success Character Conference
- ♦ Books & Basketball Reading Program
- ♦ Breakfast & Lunch Program
- ♦ Mathematics and Literacy "Booster Classes"
- ♦ Mathematics and Science everyday (morning, lunch and after school)
- ♦ Arts Night
- ♦ Terry Fox Campaign
- ♦ United Way Campaign
- ♦ Leadership course, camp opportunities, conferences and workshops
- ♦ Future Aces
- ♦ Participation in VEX and FIRST Robotics competitions
- ♦ 30-Hour Famine
- ♦ CN Tower Climb for United Way
- ♦ Spirit Week Pep Rally
- ♦ Talent Show
- ♦ Take Our Kids to Work Day

## OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### Parent And Community Involvement

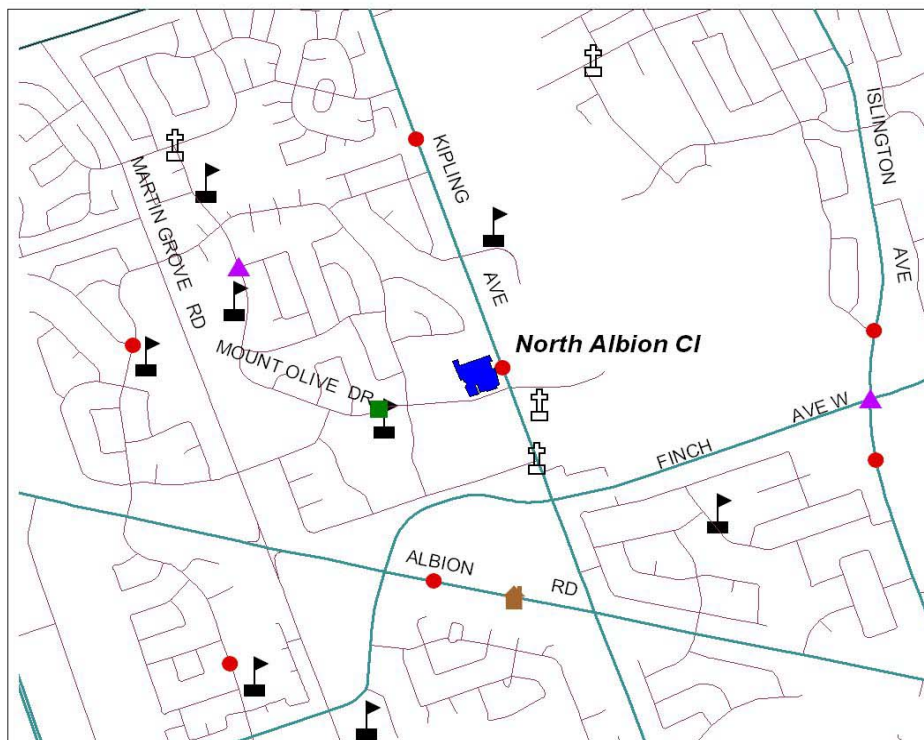
#### Parent Involvement:

- ✦ Active School Council
- ✦ Parent Leadership Training

#### Community Links:

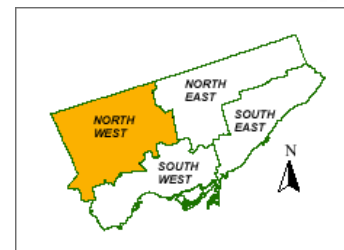
- ✦ Settlement and Education Partnerships Toronto (SEPT)/Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) - supports students and families new to Canada
- ✦ Bridge to Success partnership with MicroSkills and United Way - offering mentoring, tutoring and after school programs
- ✦ The Learning Partnership - Change Your Future designed to enhance and develop academic, personal and social skills of at-risk grade 9 and 10 students
- ✦ Hincks-Dellcrest offers school-based prevention/diversion and mediation services and peer mediation training
- ✦ YMCA - Youth Substance Abuse Program to counsel students with substance abuse issues
- ✦ Partnership with Humber College (SSOWT) and University of Toronto (STEPS Program) offering dual credit (high school and college)
- ✦ Continuous Intake Co-operative Education
- ✦ Pilot School for Future Aces (Secondary)
- ✦ Faculties of Education - teacher candidates from York, OISE/University of Toronto, Canisius, and Memorial as well as partnerships with Humber College and Ryerson (Social Work)
- ✦ Rexdale Community Health Centre - Pathways to Education Project

### OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



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Notes: The map shows the locations of local schools, community and social service facilities. For more information about these locations please contact the school. Sources: TDSB - Academic Accountability, Facility Services; City of Toronto - Children's Services, Toronto Land Information Services.



- OUR SCHOOL
- ▧ TDSB Elementary School
- ▧ TDSB Secondary School
- ⊕ Separate School
- Daycare/Nursery School
- Family Resource/Parenting Centre
- ▲ Community/Recreation Centre
- Public Library