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OUR SCHOOL

Bendale Business and Technical Institute (B.T.I.) is committed to providing a high-quality, unique, and alternative curriculum for students who wish to pursue business and technical careers. The programs at Bendale are designed to take advantage of the wide range of learning styles, strengths, and needs of our students. After graduation many Bendale students continue their training through apprenticeship programs. Other students elect to attend community colleges or go directly to the workplace.

As a complement to traditional academic skills development, there is a strong focus on hands-on learning, personal management skills, and teamwork. The Conference Board of Canada has identified these skills as those most desired by employers.

In grades 9 and 10, students are encouraged to choose a variety of technical and business courses from over 27 different course offerings. Students in grades 11 and 12 choose one specific technology or business area in which to specialize, and a complete package is designed to support each focus area. Each package emphasizes particular skills and knowledge related to the area of specialty, and the emphasis on employability and career development is clear throughout the school. These packages can lead directly to employment, to community college programs and to apprenticeship programs.

Bendale is committed to the development and implementation of innovative programs that offer students unique opportunities to explore or pursue a variety of career options involving Technical Trades, Business or the Arts. Bendale's Home Construction Program enables students, under the supervision of an experienced construction teacher and in partnership with Habitat for Humanities, to build homes for families in Toronto. Students gain experience in all aspects of the construction trades. Bendale's Specialized Programs include Hairstylist, Cook, Landscape Technician and Metal Machining. These programs liaise with Ontario Youth Apprentichip Program (OYAP), industry partners and colleges to enable students to reach ahead and satisfy a substantial portion of the apprenticeship requirements, prepare for college and acquire valuable work experience.

Special Features

- ✦ small classes and specialized program delivery to provide remediation and enrichment as required
- ✦ strong emphasis on career and co-operative education ; innovative curriculum delivery including a house building project and in-school Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs.
- ✦ tremendously diverse range of technical courses and fully networked computer labs
- ✦ extensive support available through Special Education programs
- ✦ thriving extra-curricular programs that include a variety of teams and clubs

OUR STUDENTS (As of spring 2008)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
✦ Total number of students:	608	
✦ Gender:		
Female	220	36%
Male	388	64%
✦ Primary language other than English:	116	20%*
✦ Students born outside of Canada:		
Students living in Canada for 2 years or less	8	1%
Students living in Canada for 3 - 5 years	10	2%

* 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 Programs

- ✦ Music:
Choir, Guitar, Keyboard, Music Concerts / Performances
- ✦ Visiting Artists:
Visual Arts
- ✦ Visual Arts:
Ceramics, Computer/Graphic Arts, Crafts, Excursions, Fashion, Photography, Printmaking, Showcase/Competitions, Visual Arts Workshops

Athletic Teams

- ✦ Archery
- ✦ Badminton
- ✦ Basketball
- ✦ Cricket
- ✦ Cross Country
- ✦ Golf
- ✦ Ice hockey
- ✦ Lacrosse
- ✦ Slo-Pitch
- ✦ Soccer
- ✦ Swimming
- ✦ Track and Field
- ✦ Volleyball
- ✦ Wrestling

Leadership

- ✦ Athletic Council
- ✦ Student Activity Council:
Bendale SAC

- ✦ Student Conferences

Competitions

- ✦ Skills Canada

Curricular Enhancement

- ✦ Healthy Learning Communities (Ryerson)

Community, Culture and Caring

Community - Mentoring

- ✦ Community Based:
Youth Counselling and Mentoring
- ✦ School Based:
Peer Mentoring

Community - Tutoring

- ✦ School Based:
Homework Clubs, Literacy & Numeracy Tutoring (Cont. Ed), Peer Tutoring, Volunteer Tutors

Culture/Caring

- ✦ Camps:
Huddle up with the Argos-Stand up Against Bullying, SMILE
- ✦ Nutrition Programs:
Breakfast Program
- ✦ Safe & Caring Schools:
ESP: Empowered Student Partnerships, Me to We, Party in the Right Spirit, School Watch, Trinity Theatre
- ✦ Social Skills:
Peer Mediation/Helpers

Equity

- ✦ Harmony Movement Diversity Training

Student Success

Pathways Programs

THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:

- ♦ School to Work:
Carpentry (OYAP), Child and Youth Worker (OYAP), CitiMotive Power Program (OYAP), Cook Apprenticeship (OYAP), Early Childhood Educator (OYAP), Electrician (OYAP), Horticultural Technician (OYAP), Information Technologist Support Analyst (OYAP)

- ♦ Schools to Future:
Career Fair

Remedial Activities

- ♦ Credit Rescue
- ♦ Remedial Literacy Program
- ♦ Remedial Numeracy Programs

Specializations and Other Programs

Specialized Programs - Board Sanctioned

- ♦ Skills Enhanced:
Hairstylist, Metal Machining
- ♦ Specialist High Skills Major:
Horticulture & Landscaping

Special Education Programs

- ♦ Behaviour
- ♦ LD - Learning Disability
- ♦ MID - Mild Intellectual Disability



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

Safe and Caring Schools

- ♦ Engage staff, students and School Council in a comprehensive Safe Schools Plan.
- ♦ Expanding opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular and student leadership activities
- ♦ Strengthening partnerships with Community Agencies to support students and families

Student Achievement

- ♦ Staff work in Student Success Teams: Positive School Culture, Literacy, Eco-Schools/Wellness, Promotions/School Image, Grade 9 Program and Transitions, Information Technology, Enhanced Teaching and Learning, Professional Learning Communities to improve student achievement.
- ♦ Continue to develop and implement our school-wide Information Technology initiatives.
- ♦ Ongoing review of learning needs and progress of grade nine students.
- ♦ Through Partnership with Trinity Theatre, *Creating Communities We Want*, Social Development Program, student leaders assist grade nine students to make a successful transition to high school.
- ♦ M.I. (Multiple Intelligences) Lead program pilot school.

Literacy

- ♦ Continue to develop and implement our school-wide literacy initiative in order to assist our students to improve skills and meet the Ontario Literacy Requirements.
- ♦ Implement and Review success of Read 180, a Differentiated Instruction, Computer Assisted reading remediation program.

Special Programs

- ♦ Initiated Specialized OYAP Programs in Landscape Technician, Hairstylist, Metal Machining and Cook.
- ♦ Developing a Specialized Learning to 18 Program that combines Credit Recovery and Continuous Intake Co-operative Education courses so that students returning to school meet with success.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Parent And Community Involvement

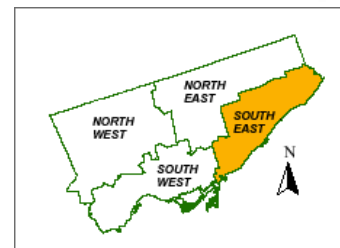
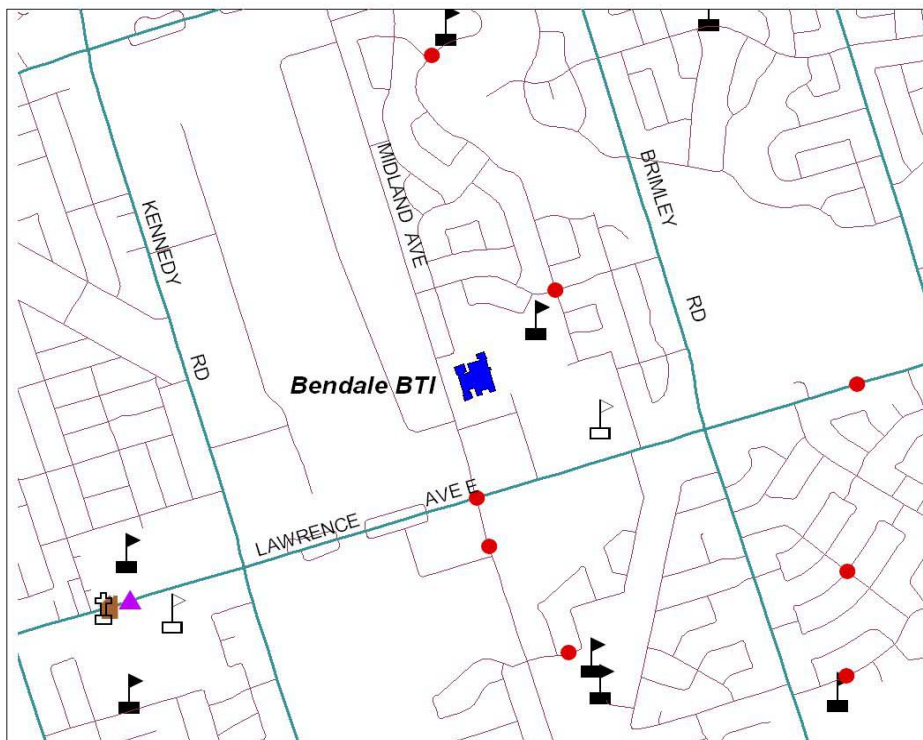
Parent Involvement:

- ✦ "Dine and Discussion" evenings held 3-4 times per year provide parents an opportunity to meet with school staff and community partners while enjoying a meal prepared by our culinary arts students.
- ✦ Bendale's School Council meets regularly to discuss school issues and welcomes new members
- ✦ Partnerships with Community Agencies Youthlink and Tropicana offer counselling and leadership training to support students and families.
- ✦ Parent Volunteers are welcome

Community Links:

- ✦ Bendale provides service to the community including, auto repairs; hair styling, catering, welding and carpentry projects.
- ✦ Extensive co-operative education placements in local industries and institutions
- ✦ Seniors' Luncheon where each month students provide a lunch program for seniors living in the community
- ✦ Links with Student Support Services: Tropicana, Youthlink, Job Connect
- ✦ Bendale students and alumni weekly basketball program
- ✦ Partnership with Home Depot that provides students with experience in the construction trades and career opportunities upon graduation.
- ✦ Habitat for Humanity Construction Program
- ✦ Bendale is partnering with Caribana organizer to give students the opportunity to design and create costumes for Toronto's Caribana celebration.
- ✦ Community is invited to Bendale's Annual "Blooms and Bargains" May Open House and Market Place

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



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

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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.



The mission of the Toronto District School Board is to enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and to acquire the knowledge, skills and values they need to become responsible members of a democratic society.