

Alternative Schools



The following charts provide an overview of the alternative learning experiences available to students in the TDSB. The environments vary and are aimed at providing students with an alternative educational experience suited to their learning styles/preferences and/or needs. Each of the schools and programs differs in their approach to student learning and program structure. The admission criteria, age, and/or grade for entry differs for each Alternative School and Program although a student profile has been included to help guide interested students to an appropriate choice. For more specific admission requirements, please contact the school or program directly or access school profiles. For more information, go to www.tdsb.on.ca click on "Alternative Schools".

Alternative Learning Environments	Phone	Region	Student Profile
ALPHA II Alternative School	416-393-0501	SW	Grades 7-9
ASE 1	416-396-6914	SE	Self-directed and motivated learners; grades 11-12
Avondale	416-395-3130	NE	Flexible, individualized program for self-directed students; non semestered
BALC/CALC/YALC/SCAS: Adolescent Program	416-394-7130	NW	a) 17 to 20 year olds who are out of school at least 6 months and have earned 5-15 credits
a) Ed Vance	416-393-9740	SW	
b) The PLAR Advantage Program	416-395-4417	NE	b) If you are 18-21 with very few credits you may be eligible for the PLAR Advantage Program (see page 14 for details)
	416-396-6992	SE	
City School	416-393-1470	SW	Student-centred, small, supportive community of enthusiastic learners; semestered; grades 11-12
Contact School	416-393-1455	SW	Retention and re-entry program
Delphi Secondary Alternative School	416-396-6919	SE	Problem-based learning for highly motivated students; grades 9-12
East York Alternative High School	416-396-2925	SE	Retention and re-entry program
Inglenook Community School	416-393-0560	SW	Small, intimate, community-focused environment; semestered
Oasis Alternative Secondary School	416-393-9830	SW	Several unique continuous-intake programs, meeting a variety of student needs
Overflow Centre		SE	
a) Youth Co-op Program	416-396-3321		Trimester program; cooperative model for 16-20 yr olds with a minimum of grade 9 applied and some grade 10 courses
b) Overflow Program	416-396-5592		Continuous-intake model for 17-20 yr olds who need redirection and refocus to continue schooling
SEE	416-394-6990	NW	Integrated, innovative courses for self-motivated learners
S.E.E.D Alternative	416-393-0564	SW	Small, highly academic program, committed to individual growth and expression; semestered
S.O.L.E.	416-393-0756	SW	Flexible individualized program for senior students
Subway Academy I	416-393-9466	SW	Academic level small group seminars with one-on-one support
Subway Academy II	416-393-1445	SW	Flexible individualized program for senior students
The Student School	416-393-9639	SW	Warm supportive atmosphere for retention/re-entry of senior students
West End Alternative School	416-393-0660	SW	Flexible program with individualized modules for credit
Year Round Alternative Schools			
a) YRAS – 640 Lawrence Ave. West	416-395-4824	NW	Program for 16-18 year olds to earn grades 9-11 credits.
b) EYRAC – 160 Silverhill Dr.	416-394-2120	SW	Four entry points throughout the school year.
c) SEYRAC – 720 Midland Ave.	416-396-4552	SE	
d) NEYRAC – 2900 Don Mills Rd.	416-395-5300	NE	

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Other Ways of Meeting Diploma Requirements

Although most students complete the majority of their studies in a secondary school, credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma may also be earned in a variety of ways.

These include:

- Independent Learning Centre (ILC) courses
- Independent Study
- Music Certification
- Summer School

See your Guidance Counsellor for more information.

Credit Recovery Courses

Students may enroll in a credit recovery program designed for a group of students if one is offered at his or her school through a referral from the Student Success Team. Credit Recovery provides opportunity to get a credit without repeating the entire course. **N.B.** Credit Rescue provides support to students by way of intervention to attempt to rescue the credit before the student fails. See your Guidance Department for details.

Five-Year Option

Although OSS organizes courses into four grade categories, students may take longer than four years to complete their diploma without repercussions to their future educational plans. For students wanting to maintain strong academics and/or explore cooperative or technological education, the Arts, French Immersion, OYAP, etc., or to build their own leadership potential, a five-year option may be preferred.

Music Certification

The Ministry of Education allows students who complete appropriate Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM), "Certificates" to be granted credits under OSS.

Music Certification continued

- The two external credits pertaining to RCM - Toronto are as follows:

RCM Grade 8 Practical & Grade 2 Theory = AMX4M (1 credit)

RCM Grade 7 Practical & Grade 1 Theory = AMX3M (1 credit)

Please note the following:

- External credits cannot be used as the compulsory art credit requirement.
- A maximum of two external credits can be awarded to students taking music programs outside the school.
- The mark assigned for AMX3M or AMX4M is the average of the RCM practical and the RCM theory/rudiments marks.
- There are restrictions on the number of additional in-school music credits a student can earn in Grade 12 and/or through PLAR. Students should check with a Guidance Counsellor.

Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR)

PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition) Policy (OSS, sections 6.6 and 8.2) recognizes the knowledge and skills that students have acquired, in both formal and informal ways, outside secondary school evaluated against the expectations outlined in provincial curriculum policy documents for the purpose of granting credit. With regard to the "challenge" process, the PLAR policy states that:

- Students may challenge and earn a maximum of four credits for prior learning, including a maximum of two credits in any one discipline.
- The PLAR challenge process includes a formal test (70%) and other assessment strategies (30%).
- Students can only challenge courses that are taught in TDSB schools.
- This process occurs annually each winter. For more information on the PLAR process or an application, see your school Guidance Department.

Summer School

Summer School is available to qualifying TDSB students. There are strict prerequisite requirements, attendance criteria, nominal supplemental charges and designated sites to attend. Students must register for Summer School through their school Guidance Department where a list of specific courses will be available through the following options:

Full Credit:

1. Grade 11 and 12 Full Credit courses for qualifying students who may register for one full credit course. Full disclosure rules apply.
2. Grade 9 and 10 Full Credit courses are open to students 17 years of age or older.
3. Level A International Language Credit Courses are open to students who attend Grade 9 - 12 in the preceding school year.

Remedial Credit:

Students must have completed the course in the preceding school year and earned a final mark between 35% and 49%. Students may take one or two remedial credit courses.

Transfer Courses:

Students must have successfully completed the course they are transferring from in the preceding school year.

Non-Credit Literacy and Numeracy:

This program offers students the opportunity to develop literacy and numeracy skills and concepts. All students currently registered in Grades 9 to 12, including students in ESL programs, are eligible to attend. No credits are granted.

For additional information and full course offerings visit

www.tdsb.on.ca > Continuing Education > Secondary Programs

Dual Credit Programs

The Dual Credit Programs developed with our College partners, are intended to assist secondary students in the completion of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and with the successful transition to college and apprenticeship programs. The advantage of Dual Credit Programs is their unique ability to provide new and varied learning opportunities to students that appeal to their interest, strengths and learning profile.

Upon successful completion of the college-delivered course, students earn both a college and secondary school credit. A secondary student may count a maximum of four optional credits toward the OSSD for approved college courses or Level 1 in-school apprenticeship training. For more details on program offerings and the application process, please contact your school Guidance Department.

College Course Name	Code	Location	Semester
CENTENNIAL			
Auto Service Technician (CITIMOTIVE: Accelerated OYAP)	OZX4T	Ashtonbee	2
Accounting Fundamentals 1(Part 2)	TBA	Progress	1
Art & Design Portfolio Development	YYJ4T	CCC	2
Dimensions Of Tourism	YFS4T	Progress	2
Introduction to Early Childhood Education	TBA	Ashtonbee	1
Energy, Environment and Society	TBA	Ashtonbee	2
Customer Service	YOF4T	Progress	2
Growing Up Digital, Living & Working in Canada	YBF4T	Ashtonbee, CCC & Progress	2
Network Security	YYI4T	George Harvey	1
Computer Networking	YYH4T	Georges Vanier	1
Network Devices	YZQ4T	Georges Vanier	1
Routing and Switching	TBA	Georges Vanier	2
GEORGE BROWN			
Baking (Accelerated OYAP)	TBA	St. James	1
Steamfitting Welding I	YWU4T	Casa Loma	2
Business Concepts I	YTU4T	St. James	1
Collaboration: The Future of Health Care in Canada	YFY4T	St. James	1
College Readiness Course	TBA	St. James	2
Construction & Maintenance Electrician (Accelerated OYAP)	OZY4T	Casa Loma	2
Digital Art and Design	ZCC4T	St. James	1
Creative Expressions	YZK4T	St. James	1
Introduction to Psychology	YZL4T	St. James	1
Forensic Psychology	TBA	St. James	2
Foundation Design	YZN4T	St. James	1
Foundation Math	TBA	St. James	2
Health and Safety	YTW4T	Casa Loma	1 & 2
Health Literacy	TBA	St. James	2
Steamfitting Welding II	YVW4T	Casa Loma	2
Introductory to Psychology	YZL4T	St. James	1
Life Span Development	TBA	St. James	1
Modeling and Animation	TBA	St. James	2
Performing Arts Career Studies	TBA	St. James	1
Plumber (Accelerated OYAP)	OZU4T	Casa Loma	2
Principles of Marketing I	YTV4T	St. James	1
Residential Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic (Accelerated OYAP)	OYY4T	Casa Loma	2
Special Event Planning and Delivery	TBA	St. James	1

College Course Name	Code	Location	Semester
Trends and Issues in Tourism	TBA	St. James	1
Visual Gestural Communication	YVC4T	St. James	2
World of Fashion	TBA	St. James	1
HUMBER			
Basic Contemporary Culinary Skills	TBA	Humber North	1
Broadcast Equipment	YTY4T	Humber North	2
Canadian Criminal Justice Systems	YHD4T	Lakeshore	2
College Seminar	TBA	Humber North	2
Cook (Accelerated OYAP)	OZS4T	Humber North	2
Design Drafting	YZO4T	Humber North	2
Electrician Construction & Maintenance (Accelerated OYAP)	OZY4T	Humber North	2
Fundamentals of Acting	YYR4T	Lakeshore	2
Humanities	YLV4T	Humber North & Lakeshore	1 & 2
Introduction to Business	YDW4T	Lakeshore	1
Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism Industries	YBX4T	Humber North	2
Introduction to Sociology	TBA	Humber North	1
Introduction to Spa Management	YDX4T	Humber North	1 & 2
Landscape Drafting and CAD	YYP4T	Humber North	1
Lighting Technology I	YDZ4T	Lakeshore	1
Plumber (Accelerated OYAP)	OZU4T	Humber North	2
Social Psychology	YEA4T	Humber North	1
The Environment	YNZ4T	Humber North	2
SENECA			
Accounting Basics 1	YTR4T	Newnham	1
Accounting Basics 2	YVB4T	Newnham	2
Anatomy and Physiology I	YYW4T	Westview CSS	2
Business, Its Nature and Environment	YYV4T	Newnham	2
CAD Fundamentals	TBA	Newnham	2
CNC Manual Programming	YYU4T	Jane	2
Early Childhood Educator (Accelerated OYAP)	OAD4T	Newnham	2
Electronic Lab Instrumentation & Techniques	TBA	Newnham	1
Introduction to Computer Applications	YHJ4T	Newnham	1 & 2
CANADORE COLLEGE			
Information Technology Technician (Accelerated OYAP)	TBA	George Harvey	2

Alternative Learning Opportunities



Continuing Education

www.tdsb.on.ca

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The Academic Credit Night School Program is offered 2 nights per week in two 15-week semesters to both Toronto District School Board day school students and non-Toronto District School Board adult and adolescent students who are working towards their secondary school diploma and who meet the criteria. University and college students requiring an upgrade, and who have the required prerequisites are also eligible. Priority for night school programs is given to adult students. The International Languages Credit Program is offered one night per week for 30 weeks from September to May. This program is for secondary students who are interested in studying an international language for credit towards their secondary school diploma. For more information, see your Guidance Counsellor

Night School Co-op

How does Night School Co-op work?

Students can earn a high school Co-op credit while working! To be eligible **students must already have a paid or unpaid evening job and the agreement of the current employer.** Unfortunately, weekend jobs cannot be used.

The Co-op teacher will complete a Placement Assessment of the workplace to ensure the job meets TDSB and Ministry of Education standards.

The teacher visits the workplace in the evenings, meets with the employer, and collaborates on assessing and evaluating student development in the workplace.

Students will have to attend 7 compulsory classes from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the school which is located closest to the work location. In addition, students will have to complete required assignments and work at least 68 hours in the evening during the semester.

Want to know more?

Visit your Guidance Counsellor for the night school Co-op application package. Your counsellor will submit your completed package to Continuing Education *by the prescribed deadlines.*

Please note that the application deadline for this Co-op program is earlier than for other night school programs!

Virtual Summer School



The Virtual School provides students with quality education in a flexible and collaborative environment, enhancing their ability to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes that are critical for success in our knowledge-based society.

The Virtual School's program gives students the opportunity to use the Internet for remedial and enrichment support, and access electronic resources at a time and place convenient to the learner during summer school. It provides:

- students with quality on-line education in a flexible and collaborative setting that strongly supports the development of independent learning and advanced information communication technology skills;
- teachers with access to Ministry of Education courses through e-learning Ontario.

For more information go to:

www.tdsb.on.ca > Virtual School

Adult Continuing Education

Adult daytime continuing education classes are for students 21 years of age and older, wishing to complete their diploma or upgrade their skills for post-secondary opportunities or transition to work. For complete program offerings and admission requirements please contact the appropriate school directly.

Adult Day Schools	Phone	Quadrant	Address
Burnhamthorpe Adult Learning Centre	416-394-7130	NW	500 The East Mall
City Adult Learning Centre (CALC)	416-393-9740	SW	1 Danforth Ave.
Emery Adult Learning Centre	416-395-3225	NW	3395 Weston Rd.
Scarborough Centre for Alternative Studies	416-396-6921	SE	939 Progress Ave.
Yorkdale Adult Learning Centre	416-395-3350	NW	38 Orfus Rd.

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e-Learning Expanding opportunities!



Planned Courses include:

GRADE 10	PAGE
ASM2O – Media Arts	47
CHV2O – Civics	56
GLC2O – Career Studies	72
MAT2L – Mathematics – LDCC	78
GRADE 11	PAGE
CGF3M - Geography: Patterns, Processes...	57
CGG3O - Travel & Tourism: A Regional...	59
EMS3O - Media Studies	67
ENG3E - English – Workplace	66
ENG3U - English – University	66
ETC3M - Canadian Literature	66
GWL3O - Designing Your Future	72
HPC3O - Parenting	86
HSP3M - Intro. to Anthropology, Psychology...	85
MBF3C - Foundations for College Math	77
MEL3E - Math for Work & Everyday Life	78
NBV3E - Aboriginal Beliefs, Values, and...	80
PPZ3O - Health for Life	74
SVN3E - Environmental Science	82
GRADE 12	PAGE
BBB4M - International Business Fundamentals	54
BOH4M - Business Leadership: Management...	53
CGR4M - The Environment & Resource...	58
CGW4U - Canadian & World Issues:...	55
CHI4U - Canada: History, Identity & Culture	55
CHY4U - World History: The West and...	60
ENG4E - English – Workplace	66
ENG4U - English – University	66
EWC4U - The Writer's Craft	67
HSB4M - Challenge & Change in Society	84
HZT4U - Philosophy: Questions & Theories	86
HNB4O - The Fashion Industry	86
MCT4C - Math for College Technology	78
SES4U - Earth & Space Science	81

e-Learning is quickly becoming an important part of all educational and career paths. The TDSB offers e-Learning credit courses to day-school students during the school year. The Virtual School is available in the summer only.

The online classroom provides an innovative, relevant and engaging learning environment. Students work both independently and collaboratively.

The courses and online classroom are provided by the Ministry of Education through e-Learning Ontario. These on-line courses:

- are taught by TDSB secondary school teachers
- are part of the student's timetable
- appear on the student's transcript upon completion
- are fully compliant with TDSB and Ministry expectations and policies

Benefits of e-Learning

- access to courses that may not be available at his/her home school
- enables students to learn in a flexible, engaging environment
- uses technology to provide students current, accurate information
- provides students access to their first choice courses
- may help to resolve timetable conflicts

Is e-Learning for You?

Students who are successful in an online course are usually:

- self directed, self motivated and able to plan, organize time and complete assignments and activities
- comfortable with technology, i.e. email, attachments, internet research, etc.
- capable of working independently in a responsible and honest manner
- able to regularly use a computer with internet access

Students need to spend at least as much time with their online course work as they would in a face-to-face classroom course.

Interested?

- visit our website for a full list of courses offered
- select your course online and follow the registration process
- make an appointment with your school Guidance Counsellor to
 - submit your signed parental permission form
 - review your course selection and
 - obtain approval

Some restrictions apply.

Please visit the website for further information and full details.

www.tdsb.on.ca/elearning

Re-Engagement Opportunities

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The following lists opportunities within the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for students ages 16-21 who have previously left school and are looking to re-engage in their education.

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These schools provide an alternative learning experience for students in the TDSB. The environments vary and provide an educational experience suited to individual learning styles/preferences and or need. Admission criteria, age and grade for entry differ for each school.

Continuous Intake Co-op

Continuous Intake Co-op (CIC) provides an opportunity for students to earn school credits while gaining real-life work experience. The program provides a co-op pre-placement and follow-up integration classes in a classroom with a full-time teacher. CIC helps students get back into school, earn and learn, and decide on future career plans.

For more information call

Secondary School Placement
Centre 416-393-9300

Ed-Vance

Ed-Vance programs allow students (18-20 years old) to complete a high school diploma in a flexible, personalized program in an adult environment. The program focuses on strengthening literacy skills, accumulation of credits (2 – 3 in a nine-week term and 8 –10 in a full year) and valuable work experience through cooperative education. Students are eligible who have achieved between 5 and 16 credits and have been out of school for at least one semester and have a demonstrated dedication to earning their diploma and attend regularly.

Night School

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PLAR Advantage Program

(Prior Learning Assessment Recognition) If you are 18 and have been out of school for one year, you may be eligible for the Grade 9 and 10 Individual Assessment/Equivalency Process. This is a process for the purpose of granting up to 16 Grade 9 and 10 credits through the completion of individual subject-based assessments in order to earn equivalent credits. If you are 18-21 years old with very few credits you may be eligible for the PLAR Advantage Program offered through Continuing Education.

Year Round Schools

These schools offer four distinct entry points annually, each session being three months long. The schools offer: transition from and to other schools, the workplace or an apprenticeship; grade nine and ten courses at the Locally Developed (LDCC) and applied level; access to a Child and Youth Worker and Nutrition Program; co-op opportunity and generally have close access to child care facilities.

General Educational Development (GED) Testing

Earn your ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE from the Ministry of Education.

The GED is for adults 18 years or older and out of school for one full year who have gained the lasting skills of a grade 12 graduate through life-long learning and on-the-job experiences.

The Independent Learning Centre (ILC) is the sole provider of the GED testing services for the province. For information about the GED Tests you can visit the ILC website at www.ilc.org.

Toronto District School Board's GED Program will tell you how close you are to passing and, if needed, will

coach you through practising your skills to maximize your success on the tests.

GED Achievement offers you a two-part program:
GED Readiness Assessment: 2.5 hours (1 session)
GED Coaching and Practice: 18 hours (7 sessions)

Pass the GED Tests and this certificate can get you a new or better job, closer to the college or university program of your dreams, or simply a proud feeling to enjoy.

Location: Central Technical School, 725 Bathurst Street

Visit the web site at www.ged.on.ca.

CALL 416-481-6043 for information and registration.