

# Vaughan Road Academy

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**GRADE RANGE:** 9 to 12

## *Interesting Feature*

### **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program**

Do you want to change the world? We were one of the first three public schools in Ontario to offer the IB Program and we have continued that leadership in the international realm for over 15 years. As an IB school we are part of an internationally recognized program offered in over 140 countries and over 2000 schools.

Our students gain admission to some of the top universities in Canada and the US while earning prestigious scholarships and academic recognition. Our school achieves scores in the top 10% world wide.

### "IN MEDIUM QUAESITA REPONUNT"

Vaughan Road Academy holds a special place in the hearts and minds of the community and its students. Tradition and excellence are our trademarks as the school is recognized for its excellence in academics, the arts, athletics and for exceptional student and teacher involvement in important social issues. We offer programs in the arts, business, pure and applied sciences, social science, health and physical education, mathematics and communications. Vaughan Road Academy also offers the world-renowned International Baccalaureate Diploma program, as well as our innovative INTERACT program. We welcome student applicants from across Toronto.

### **INTERACT Program**

If you are involved in dance, theatre, music, or athletics, we offer you our unique integrated program with timetables that are built around your auditions, rehearsals, performances and competitions. Our focus is to provide you an education that works with your outside interests. This is the only program in Ontario that offers you this type of flexibility. We welcome student for the program from across the province.

We offer you one of the best academic programs in Toronto. Working together with you, your parents, teachers, director and coaches, we help you succeed.





## Facilities

Welcome to our fantastic renovated facilities including our pool, two gymnasiums and weight room, library, seminar rooms, computer keyboard labs, extensive music rooms, five computer classrooms, darkroom, and visual arts room. We are also home to a community child care centre.



## Student Services: Helping Students Help Themselves

Our Student Services team offers programs and services to help you better understand yourself and the opportunities available to you. Programs include: one-to-one counselling, group instruction, career and educational information, and peer tutoring. Referrals can be made as needed to services including, social workers, psychologists, public health, and community agencies.



## Counselling

Are you taking the right courses? Have you decided on a career direction? We offer one-to-one counselling on academic program choices, career options and requirements, as well as personal development.

With a counsellor and other students, talk about school orientation, course selection, study skills, post-secondary information and career opportunities.



## Special Services

We help you access the services you need, including social workers, psychologists, attendance counselling, public health, as well as educational assessment. We help with referrals to those services in consultation with you parents.



## Additional Features

- Cooperative Education
- Phase 1 Program and Mentorship
- Pool and Weight Room
- Regional E-Learning Centre
- Extensive Extracurricular Program
- Delisle Youth Services Partnership
- Wireless Internet Service
- Trips to New York and Italy



## Student Life - Where You Belong

We organize class visits to the Royal Ontario Museum and the Science Centre, as well as an outdoor education centre.

Students in the ski club travel to Mount Tremblant for five days in February. Excursions also include local weekend camps to the Kawartha Lakes and Mono Cliffs. I.B. students have travelled to Italy and other destinations.

VRA offers a large number of clubs including debate, DECA, drama, writing, model parliament, United Nations, guitar, art, stage crew, theatre productions, African dance and mural committee. Our mural committee, led by a teacher who is a professional architect, completed a mural which is housed at St. Michael's Hospital.

Join or cheer on one of our sports teams, including badminton, baseball, basketball, cross-country running, ice hockey, track and field, ball hockey, broom ball, rugby, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, touch football and volleyball.



## What Sets Us Apart

Vaughan Road Academy is described as a "home away from home". We offer you tremendous opportunities to succeed. Our small environment of 700 students offers you a variety of clubs and sports, as well as, student success initiatives. We are compared to a private school due to the success of our students and the quality of our programs. Our school diversity is incredible with local student mixing well with students from across Toronto.

You and your parents will know exactly how you are progressing. Our communications fantastic, from monthly reports and meeting with teachers and parents to calls to work with coaches and directors.

We are not a semester school and our teachers are available to you when you need them. Our success rate tells the story. Most of our graduates are Ontario Scholars. Many receive university scholarships.





## Parent and Community Engagement

- Students volunteer with local agencies.
- Ongoing social action projects.
- Toronto Police Services and Community Police Liaison Committee.
- Toronto Public Health.
- Lawrence Heights Community Centre
- Leave Out Violence Everywhere.
- York Community and Social Services.
- Eglinton West Business Improvement Association.
- City of Toronto-Councillors
- Hurricane & Tsunami Food, Money and Clothing Drives, Doctors without Borders, Leaders Today, 30 Hour Famine Fundraiser and donations and visit to Local Daily Food Bank
- Parent-Teacher Interviews.
- Information Night for Grade 9 Parents.
- Information programs, afternoon and evening, for grade eight students and parents.
- Active School Council which meets five times a year.
- International Baccalaureate Program Parent Advisory Council which meets three times yearly.
- INTERACT Program
- Parent Advisory Council



## 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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