

# School of Experiential Education

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**GRADE RANGE:** 9 to 12

## *Interesting Feature*

### **Community Forum**

Join our weekly student driven community forum and have a voice in what and how you learn. We might go out on an excursion downtown or have a speaker or performance; SEE works hard to ensure that learning experiences are happening outside of the classroom as often as possible.

Electric High is a new program launching at SEE in September 2013. It features a mix of e-learning and classroom learning opportunities. The e-learning courses feature virtual attendance. Electric High offers courses in both quadmester and semester formats. There are also flexible registration times throughout the year. Credits are available from grade 9 to 12 at all levels. Students can enrol for full-time or part-time studies.

### **Field Trips**

The School of Experiential Education was founded in 1971 on the premise that learning outside of the classroom is as valuable as the learning that goes on in our classrooms. As a student at SEE, you can expect to go on as many as four excursions per month. You will experience downtown art walks, theatre performances, math scavenger hunts, conferences, film festivals and a three-day camping trip at the start of each school year. All excursions are carefully selected by the staff and/or the students to ensure that they are highly engaging, educational and often have a socio-political or culturally significant focus.





## Arts and Technology Integration

Whether you are interested in traditional Visual Arts like painting, sculpture or photography or you would prefer accessing the latest technology to produce a CD or video, SEE offers a host of options and resources to help you reach your creative potential, create and communicate. SEE is equipped with two computer labs, a darkroom and a recording studio.



## SEE and the Environment

Learn about our commitment to environmental sustainability and increasing biodiversity through our organic vegetable and wildflower gardens, vermi composting program and our new living wall. Science and geography classes take a hands-on approach to ecology, which includes engaging our entire community in planting, harvesting and appreciating the natural environment.



## Thematic English Courses

We have a long history of developing unique and thought provoking English courses where the selected texts investigate a specific theme. These themes change in response to our students' needs and interests. Some of course titles that you can expect to find on our timetable include *Graphic Novel*, *Death & Dying*, *Sex*, *Art and American Culture*, *Queer* and *Quest*.



## Healthy Eating

At SEE a free nutritious lunch is prepared each day. SEE has a full kitchen where students are given an opportunity to plan, cook and organize our meals. This includes creating shopping lists, budgeting and using food grown from our own garden. Lunches are subsidized and a vegetarian option is always available.



## Additional Features

- Student Lounge
- Garden
- Easy access to technology
- Macintosh and Windows computers
- Full Kitchen
- Darkroom
- Gym
- Friendly, welcoming community



## Student Life - Where You Belong

SEE maintains a vibrant, inclusive student community. We want you to be yourself here. As a member of our community, you have the right to call a general assembly, organize a field trip, participate in designing a course, and organize an extra curricular activity. This also means that your responsibilities as a community member include helping to maintain a safe and welcoming atmosphere that celebrates cultural, ethnic, religious, and sexual diversity. We value all the colours of the rainbow.

“Of all the memories I have of my tenure in high school, my year at SEE is the only one I remember with any fondness. It was an exceptional experience, providing not only an excellent academic opportunity but also an incredible arena for the exchange of ideas and opinion.”

Former SEE Student

"We don't meet expectations, we exceed them

Former SEE Student



## What Sets Us Apart

SEE School represents a diverse range of students from across the city of Toronto. Students who are dissatisfied, underachieving or are simply not feeling engaged in their current school would be attracted to the many features and the structure of our program at SEE. Typically, we enroll a significant number of students who want more input into their own education and are interested in developing skill sets that will prepare them for post-secondary education. Our classes begin at 9:30 and the school day ends at 4:00 p.m. The format of these classes emphasizes inclusive discussion that honours students' voices. The atmosphere at SEE is warm and casual; teachers go by their first name, students have their own lounge and a kitchen, and we tend to focus on the rules that are most relevant to students' success. Our students are mature and learn from our collaborative approach to education and community building. Students respect our strict attendance policy and our open and inclusive style of dealing with issues.



## Parent and Community Engagement

The community comes to SEE in the form of guest speakers and student driven conferences. Annual initiatives involve food drives, The SEE Family Dinner and concert fundraisers. Parents maintain an active role through our vibrant School Council. Regular Council meetings address the unique needs of students in an alternative school setting.



## 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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