

# Drewry Secondary School

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**GRADE RANGE:** 9 to 12

## *Interesting Feature*

### **M.I.D. and D.D. Programs**

The Mild Intellectual Disability (MID) program is a supported academic and work-based program with small, class sizes. Students are offered the courses required to earn an O.S.S.D. (and opportunity to earn credits should it meet their programming needs) in conjunction with a variety of co-op placements to assist them in their school-to-work transition.

Drewry's school motto is: Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Take Responsibility.

Drewry Secondary School is a small special needs school with a clear focus on providing appropriate academic and life skills courses for students in a safe and nurturing environment. We are very responsive to the unique needs of students, their families and the community. The curriculum addresses social/emotional needs, functional life skills, and employability skills. Drewry has small classes with extensive remediation, and a wide variety of co-curricular activities such as athletics, martial arts, weight training, clubs (e.g. Girls' Group, Dance), field trips, and staff-student sporting events. Placement at Drewry is completed through the quadrant coordinators, according to the student's exceptionality.

### **Food Preparation Program**

Drewry has two fully equipped kitchens where students prepare lunches and cater to special events. Lunch is prepared every day in the school's main kitchen. Grocery shopping, meal planning, food preparation, serving and cleaning up are all completed by students. Serving for catered events helps students learn practical, hospitality skills, as they work towards earning their Employability Skills Certificate.





## Employability Skills and Cooperative Education

Drewry's Co-op Programs offer students pre-placement training in: job applications; résumé and cover letter writing; interview skills; health and safety; as well as travel training. Our In-School Co-op Program provides essential employability skills that students will need before participating in a full-time Co-operative education placement.



## Science and Technological Education

Drewry's Science program emphasizes the development of students' numeracy and literacy skills while reinforcing and strengthening science related knowledge and skills required to prepare them for success both at home and in the workplace. Students explore a range of topics. Opportunity is provided to work in our greenhouse as well as nurture and care for animals.



## Literacy and Numeracy Through I.T.

Students, at Drewry, have access to a computer-based Language Lab that offers a variety of adaptive technology software programs, such as Kurzweil 3000, as well as Read and Write Gold. Programs such as these allow students to access information from the curriculum and to display their knowledge of the curriculum consistent with their cognitive strength.



## Music & Visual Arts

Students gain an appreciation of music by participating in a performance based program that includes a choir and drumming ensemble, both of which are regularly featured in school assemblies and outside performances. Students are introduced to different styles of music through attending live performances and participating in workshops led by professional musicians.



## Additional Features

- Visual Arts
- School Store
- Sensory Garden
- Focus on Success Program
- Greenhouse Gardening Activities
- Communication Technology
- Drewry Catering Service
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program



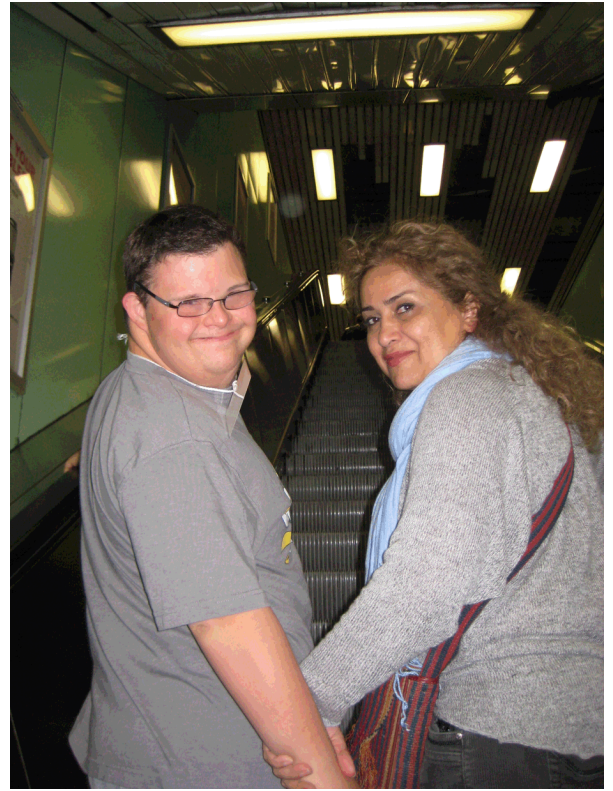
## Student Life - Where You Belong

Come and join our many extra-curricular activities. We are a small school and we care about each other, so you will always feel welcome.

Join one of our many clubs including choir, dance, west coast African drumming, student council, talent shows, gardening, visual arts, dance and cooking. If you love sports, we offer basketball, soccer, bowling excursions, swimming excursions, martial arts, weight training, and staff-student sports during our lunch hour.

We value the importance of exploring the community in which we live. As such, opportunities for field trips are provided to such areas as community centres, outdoor education facilities, libraries, museums, art galleries, naturalized sites and the Toronto Symphony.

One of the hallmarks of our school is the fostering of community spirit. As such, we support many opportunities for students to engage with each other such as during fund-raising activities, school dances, school-wide extreme make-overs, and a variety of assemblies highlighting student abilities and celebrating student success.



## What Sets Us Apart

We are a small school with small class sizes. Our special school environment enables special education students with different abilities to be welcomed in a variety of school activities in a non-threatening way and without being judged by their peers.

All Drewry students are accepted based on recommendations from their elementary and junior high school and the special education coordinators.

We stress character education, strong social skills with peer mediation and conflict resolution training to resolve issues in a peaceful manner. We help every student and focus on workable solutions for students. We teach skills that students will value for the rest of their lives.

Our teachers and support staff work to accommodate any ability level or challenges that your child might have. We also incorporate practical opportunities for students to test their new skills in working with materials, woodworking, child care, first aid, gardening and family studies. For those students who need extra assistance, TDSB social workers are available to help.



## Parent and Community Engagement

Drewry Secondary School takes pride in our relationship with Community Partners. We partner with community agencies such as Surrey Place, Griffin Centre, Community Living, the Art Therapy Institute, Alternative Youth Centre for Employment (AYCE), Project Work, YouthLink, Toronto Public Health, Positive Possibilities, and Parks and Recreation.

Drewry Secondary School continues to inspire student leaders through the Student Council. Within the Student Council, students are involved with many community events and school events such as volunteering at Cummer Valley Lodge, local elementary schools and Parents' Night.



## 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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