



## City School

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<b>GRADE RANGE:</b>	9 to 12

### Interesting Feature

#### About Us

Our school offers a range of courses in Science, Math, the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. As well as core academic courses, we provide courses such as Literature Studies, Writer's Craft, Digital Media, Film Studies, and Photography. These courses generally are enriched by field trips, guest speakers, hands-on activities, and interdisciplinary events.

You belong the way you are!

#### Grades: 9-12

#### Approx. Enrolment: 50

City School is a semestered alternative high school that offers a range of academic courses in Grades 9-12. Our program is ideal for creative, self-motivated students who value community and collaborative learning. The inviting atmosphere, small but diverse student population, engaging curriculum, compassionate teaching, and location make City an appealing alternative to large mainstream high schools.

We hold Open Houses/Information Nights in November, January and June. First-time Grade 9 intake is for September; grade 10/11/12 intake occurs for both September (S1) and February (S2). An interview is required.

#### Location

City School is at the foot of Bathurst Street in one of the more beautiful school settings in Toronto. All our classrooms look out onto Lake Ontario, the Toronto Islands and the downtown skyline. We share our building with the Waterfront School and the Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre. This alliance affords us access to a full-size gym, community garden, dance studio, and after-school activities. The TTC provides frequent service to our location, whether from Union, Spadina or Bathurst subway stations. Bicyclists can take the Martin Goodman Trail right to our door.



## More Information about City School

### City School Then and Now

City School was established in 1980 by a group of parents and teachers from SEED who believed that education should be a shared journey. Forty-two years later, we remain true to our roots, adapting our courses and teaching within a framework of constructivist pedagogy. Our social justice advocacy underpins our emphasis on compassionate citizenship.

### Student Governance

Students have a say in the governance of the school. Our student council is non-hierarchical and run by all students. Following Toronto Public Health COVID-19 protocols, we hold general meetings where students, teachers and staff discuss concerns, raise issues and share ideas and information.



### Critical Thinking and Lifelong Learning

We provide a stimulating academic program and also foster critical thinking by examining social issues; hosting guest speakers; developing special course units; organizing field trips and events; and arranging seminars, artist-in-the-school programs, and workshops.



### Student-led workshops

Historically, City School students have facilitated a range of workshops for their peers and younger students in the community. Past topics have included anti-bullying, social activism, environmental advocacy, mental health and well-being, healthy relationships, and community storytelling.



## Additional Features

## Student Life - Where You Belong

City School students enjoy an inclusive social atmosphere, a creative community, and an uplifting location with abundant natural light - where the water meets the sky. The students experience comfort within the school community, and an openness where everyone feels valued and no one is excluded. As students come from all over the Toronto area, they are eager to meet new students and make new friends.

## What Sets Us Apart

City's progressive learning environment, unique courses, and opportunities for independent learning have set us apart from many schools. Over the years, City School has launched a significant number of students into STEM careers, many of them young women. In general, the school program is underpinned by egalitarian beliefs and values, which are embraced by male, female and non-binary students alike.

In Science, students learn about local issues such as water pollution, wildlife preservation and urban ecosystem challenges through exploration in the neighbourhood and on fieldtrips.

We are minutes from the Toronto Music Garden created by Yo-Yo Ma, the world-famous cellist, and various art and dance venues associated with the Harbourfront Centre. In addition, our annual whole school field trip to the Toronto Islands builds community. We are hopeful that by the spring, we once again will be able to organize this learning opportunity. Visit our Facebook page and website to stay up to date on school activities.

## Parent and Community Engagement

City School partners with the Waterfront School and Waterfront Neighbourhood when possible, such as working in the community garden. In addition, following updated TPH rules for visitors, we are looking forward to soon welcoming parents to take part in our events and facilitate learning sessions and workshops. Our School Council plays a notable role in our programming.



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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