

Student Life - Where You Belong

We offer a variety of extra-curricular activities to meet students' needs. We have a well equipped modern gym to support our physical education program, school teams and intramural sport programs, and an outdoor field for baseball, ultimate Frisbee, soccer and football. Our students are active in learning about and positively addressing issues such as school safety, abuse, violence, bullying, environmental awareness and other issues that affect their lives.

Excursions and Special Events

Enjoy many excursions throughout the year, including hiking, canoeing and camping, indoor rock climbing and downhill skiing. Our students visit art galleries, attend live theatre performances and professional ball games. Visits to High Park, Mount Nemo Conservation Area, and Mountsberg Wildlife Centre are an exciting part of our programs.

The Student Fashion Show is one of the highlights of the year. Our Community Holiday Dinner is an opportunity for the staff and students at Eastdale to give back to our community partners and neighbours. Our Career Fairs provide opportunities to learn about future occupational choices. Eastdale students have raised money to combat hunger and to support The Hospital for Sick Children.

For Your Support and Enjoyment

Eastdale supports numerous clubs and activities for students such as jewellery making, social issues, travel, recycling, student council, staff-student games and BBQ celebrations. Our Young Men and Young Women's Groups meet to discuss, understand and resolve issues that affect their lives. Our Breakfast Club provides an opportunity to eat and meet with other students before classes begin. We are also supported by the Pathways to Education Program (Regent Park).

Map and Contact Information



Eastdale Collegiate Institute - Key Skills @ Eastdale

For more information, please call 416-393-9630 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. We will discuss your learning needs and schedule an appointment for you to meet with us and visit our school.



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Special Features (at this school)

Key Skills @ Eastdale

Our programs emphasize three key skill areas:

1) Academic Skills

Developing functional literacy and numeracy skills critical for success in school, life, and work.

2) Social Skills

Developing positive attitudes, interpersonal relations, responsibility, communication and cooperation skills that support students in school, life and work.

3) Employability Skills

Developing teamwork, problem-solving, career exploration, resume writing, interview, and time management skills that assist students with finding employment and making good career choices.

TDSB Discovery - School Selection Made Easy

Eastdale is a small learning community characterized by our safe, inclusive and encouraging atmosphere. Small classes ensure that students are recognized for their individual needs, abilities and achievements. Our caring teachers and support staff foster a positive self-image for each student by focussing on personal and social responsibility, as well as employment and life skills.

Key Skills @ Eastdale describes our focus on school-to-future transitions. We are a semestered school offering Grade 9 and 10 Applied, Open and Locally Developed courses, and a variety of Grade 11 and 12 College and Workplace courses which lead to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and prepare students for further studies at college or transition to the world of work. Eastdale supports students with a wide range of Special Education exceptionalities, including Core classes, resource support and an expanded MID program.

We offer a variety of Co-op and Experiential Learning opportunities which allow students to develop authentic workplace skills and explore career opportunities.

Our Expanded MID Program

Our expanded MID program is dedicated to meeting the needs of students identified as mild intellectually disabled. Eastdale is committed to assisting students in developing a positive self-image, creating a healthy respect for learning, and building a set of educational and work-related skills so that they will find success both in school and as they pursue further training or transition to the world of work.

Our program focuses on functional literacy (reading comprehension, writing, oral communication), functional literacy (basic math operations, money management, everyday math skills), independent living (self-advocacy, basic food preparation and home care, personal health, employability skills), and character development (values education, interpersonal skills, cooperation and teamwork). Students may earn the Employability Skills Achievement Certificate (ESAC) which is recognized as a valid entry-level certificate for transitioning to the world of work or further training.



More information about Eastdale CI

Continuous Intake Co-Op (CIC) – Continuous Intake Co-op (CIC) allows students to join the program at almost any time of the school year. In this program, students have the opportunity to be paid by the employer, which helps those in financial need. The goal of the program is to help those students who are disengaged from regular classroom learning structures and on the verge of dropping out of school or who have already dropped out to find the relevance of school and gain the motivation to return to school in order to graduate.



Contact Support Room – Our Contact Room functions to provide an additional level of support to students at Eastdale. Staffed by a teacher and a Child and Youth Worker, students are able to receive academic, problem-solving, and social-emotional support to manage issues that are affecting them.



Arts at Eastdale – We offer a range of vibrant options in the Arts. Our Visual Arts program is popular with students producing drawing, painting and pottery projects. Our extra-curricular Eastdale Theatre Group provides an opportunity for students to express their creativity through drama. Students produce a variety of audio visual productions through the Media Arts classes.



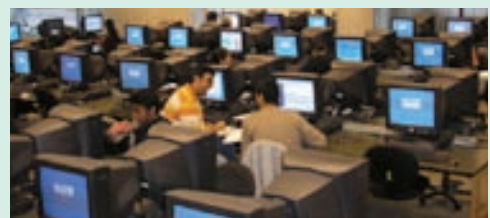
Food & Hospitality Program – Our students prepare lunch for the school cafeteria and cater special events. Students learn how to handle food safely, master food preparation, and learn about career opportunities in our professional industry standard kitchen.



Family Studies and Fashion – Students develop a range of skills in the areas of personal resource management (money, time and housing), parenting and child care skills, sewing and the fashion industry. Students also explore related occupational opportunities.



Communication Technology / Design & Printing – Students learn basic computer keyboarding and software applications related to the Communication and Printing Industry. Students working in our modern Printing Lab produce professional quality materials such as booklets, banners, brochures, posters, cards, t-shirts, note pads and newsletters.



Test Drive Potential Careers

Key Skills @ Eastdale Career Centre Experiential Learning and Co-op

Eastdale's Experiential Learning Program offers its students a variety of courses and exciting opportunities, both inside and outside of school. In addition to providing career-focused classes such as Discovering the Workplace and Navigating the Workplace, Eastdale engages students in its dynamic Cooperative Education and Career Centre. It is here that students actively participate in the many aspects of our experiential learning program: career fairs, guest speaker series, certification awareness sessions and job-search programs. A vibrant Co-op curriculum designed to meet our students' needs is offered in both two-credit and four-credit packages. Intensive placement preparation, monitoring, and coaching are key components of our supports in Co-op. Assignments in industry sectors such as retail, hospitality and fashion assist students in exploring their interests, and building resilience, while developing the Nine Essential Skills needed for school, the community and work. For those students just starting out, work site visits, job shadowing and work experiences embedded in various subjects' profiles give students an exciting introduction to experiential learning.



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The Key Skills @ Eastdale Difference

Students appreciate our small class sizes, individual support, and safe and caring environment. We focus on providing academic skills, social skills development and employability skills for independent living.

What our students say:

We like Eastdale because we have wonderful staff. The teachers are really nice and helpful.

Eastdale has changed my opinion of school. It made me feel welcome and has shown me that I can achieve whatever I put my mind to. I have learned that I have the power to change my surroundings.

If it were not for my Co-op experience, I probably wouldn't be graduating. It has helped me to realize what I want to do in the future and what I need to do to get there.

