

Our School

Avondale offers courses at the academic and university/college level as well as COOP and OYAP opportunities. We have a different approach to education where students are active participants in their learning and school community.



Student Leadership and Community Involvement

Avondale offers social justice initiatives and opportunities for student leadership.

- Holiday Helping Hands Drive
- Daily Bread Food Bank
- World Photography Expo, local art exhibits
- Hot Docs Festival
- Social Justice Club



Avondale Secondary Alternative School



When you join our school, you join our caring community. We are accepting. We are diverse. We are Avondale.



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What makes Avondale different?

At Avondale Secondary Alternative School, we are a close-knit community of staff, students and parents, where you can start or continue your high school career. Our small classroom sizes create a strong sense of community and collaboration, while allowing for individualized learning for each student. Avondale is also one of the few alternative secondary schools in the TDSB that is non-semestered and offers a full range of courses from grades 9-12.

What we offer:

- A sense of belonging
- Extensive arts program taught by professional visiting artists
- An alumni of successful graduates and scholarship recipients attending their schools of choice, as well as world renowned artists
- Ontario curriculum for university and college bound students
- Co-operative education, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and Dual Credit opportunities
- Leadership opportunities
- A focus on social justice
- Physical education program affiliated with the YMCA

Academics

Avondale's approach to teaching centres on open dialogue and student engagement, and our small classroom sizes enable all students to be actively involved and immersed in the curriculum. Our teachers facilitate student engagement by promoting critical thinking and discussion.

We offer an innovative, hands-on academic curriculum, arts courses taught by professional working artists, and a physical education program that uses the facilities of the Bayview YMCA.

In addition to coursework, Avondale encourages student engagement and activism through our Town Hall meetings. Town Hall brings together the whole student body for discussions, debates, and expert-led presentations.

The Arts

Avondale is committed to fostering a love of the arts in all students, which is why we offer a range of arts courses that are taught by professional artists who work in the arts industry. Our student council hosts regular "Coffeehouses" where students showcase their creative sides in an informal and welcoming environment. We also offer an individualized music course in guitar.

Along with an academically-driven curriculum, Avondale offers unique extracurricular activities:

- Student council, yearbook club and social justice club
- Nature walks
- Visits to the Daily Bread Food Bank
- Board game days
- Yoga classes
- Lunch hour gym activities
- Practicing mindfulness
- Spirit days (PJ day, Colour day, Formal Wear day, Twin day, Formal night)

