

The Leonard Braithwaite Program (LBP) is the first Africentric Program created at the secondary school level in Canada. Data collected by the TDSB indicated an increasing achievement gap exists among black students. This is an Africentric Program within a school that is thriving; it is a program that provides students with an alternative way of learning, while still being a part of the Winston Churchill community.

The Africentric curriculum is meant to be a critical approach to the curriculum, to thinking about the curriculum, and the nature of curricular knowledge. This is supplemented by monthly Professional Leadership Seminars. All materials and subject areas can be adapted to an Africentric perspective and are in the Leonard Braithwaite Program.



YOUR COMMUNITY PLACE FOR
LEARNING: FAITH,
EXCELLENCE, KNOWLEDGE



Please work through your school's
Guidance Counsellor to complete
and submit a Leonard Braithwaite
Program registration form by
January 28, 2022

Students can register now for the
2022/2023 school year which starts
in September 2022.

The application form is available on
the WCCI Website

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The Leonard Braithwaite Africentric Program



The Africentric
Program at Winston
Churchill Collegiate Institute
delivers an exciting, creative
approach to the diverse
perspectives, experiences and
history of the people of the
African diaspora.

The Leonard Braithwaite Program is
open to all students interested in Grade
9, 10, 11, and 12 courses with this type of
curricular focus. Register now!



**46 out of 51 students have successfully
entered Post-Secondary education.**





As Africentric curriculum has often been misconstrued in the public and in educational circles, to provide more clarity the **Africentric curriculum is not:**

- A replacement for Eurocentric curriculum which simply glorifies people of African descent as the champions of progress and civilization and negates the contributions and perspectives of other racial groups.
- Curriculum solely about systems of slavery, the trans-Atlantic slave trade, or the enslavement of African peoples.
- An emphasis on casting people of African descent globally as victims of racism and discrimination.
- The sole answer to the disengagement and underachievement of some students of African descent.
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- Not only for Black youth.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Students within the Leonard Braithwaite Program benefit from smaller class sizes. These students have opportunities to grow and learn from a myriad of opportunities. The goal is for students to graduate and move on to post-secondary. From Grade 9-12 students are given opportunities to go to post-secondary institutions so they can see that there are spaces for them.



The program offers students from Grade 9 to 12 the opportunity to learn through an Africentric lens in the credit-granting, de-streamed program that allows students to meet achievement expectations, without defining their educational pathways. The courses will be designated as academic in order to provide students with the most choice for future pathways; however, through the use of layered curriculum, students will reach the required expectations in their own way, even if they are currently not at the academic level.



LBP student in Extra Help Program



LBP Students in the Classroom

Harvard University (2017)

In 2017, students received the opportunity to visit the Harvard Law Black Student Association. In addition, Students in LBP have had an opportunity to tour University of Toronto, York University, and Windsor University and learn about the admission process and they got to see what university is like.



Harvard University 2017



WCCI and Downsview SS Students at Harvard

Nova Scotia Trip (2019)

In May 2019 students in LBP got an opportunity to go to Nova Scotia to learn about Black Canadian History. Students also got an opportunity to spend time with Downsview SS and Auburn High as they are the other schools with an Africentric Program in Canada.



The Black Loyalist Heritage Centre



WCCI and Downsview SS students in Nova Scotia