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OUR SCHOOL

Earl Haig Secondary School serves a diverse population and is recognized for its academic focus, enthusiasm for learning, lively school spirit, and commitment to the arts. The dignity and safety of every student is a priority here. The school's large size and professional staff ensures a very wide variety of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for our students. All students have opportunities to develop leadership skills through outstanding athletic, academic, and arts co-curricular activities.

Earl Haig has two related but distinct programs. The Collegiate Program offers high-quality academic programming for students living in the Earl Haig community. Students choose from a variety of academic, arts, and technical courses. All are encouraged to take advantage of the enriched Arts program and to participate in various co-curricular activities and leadership opportunities.

The Claude Watson Arts Program offers an enriched art education for students with a demonstrated talent in Dance, Drama, Music, Screen Arts and Visual Arts. The students divide their day between regular academic classes and the Arts. Arts program students access a full range of artistic and creative opportunities from skilled arts specialists while receiving academic instruction at the highest level. Collegiate students enjoy equal access to our specialized Arts facilities and programs. The combination produces a unique range of educational opportunities for all students.

Enrolment at Earl Haig is framed by the terms of the Area Review Committee. Be sure to contact the Board or the school before assuming automatic acceptance to Earl Haig.

Special Features

- ✦ full range of academic, arts, and broad-based technology courses provided for students enrolled in two distinct programs
- ✦ enrichment program in core subjects with extended opportunities for students with a special interest in a subject area
- ✦ intensive out-of-school learning programs to heighten awareness, appreciation, and concern for global issues and the environment
- ✦ opportunities for all students to develop leadership skills through outstanding athletic, academic, and arts co-curricular programs
- ✦ partnerships with the community and the workplace through mentorship, co-operative education, guest artists, speakers and international programs.

OUR STUDENTS (As of spring 2006)

	<u>No.</u> 2085	<u>Percent</u>
✦ Total number of students:		
✦ Gender:		
Female	1092	52%
Male	993	48%
✦ Primary language other than English:	1350	69%*
✦ Students born outside of Canada:		
Students living in Canada for 2 years or less	218	11%
Students living in Canada for 3 - 5 years	346	18%

* Calculation does not include students for whom language information is missing.

THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB), in partnership with students, parents, teachers and all our communities, is committed to taking responsibility for continuous improvement of schools. This is achieved through:

- ✦ **Relevant Curriculum**
- ✦ **Equity**
- ✦ **Accountability**

Regular Instructional Programs

In addition to the regular instructional program mandated by *The Ontario Curriculum*, our school offers optional programs. Details of these programs can be found in the Choices document available on the TDSB web (TDSB.on.ca). A hardcopy is provided to students and parents in January of each year to assist them in choosing courses for the following school year.

Special Education Programs

A variety of special education programs and services are offered to meet the needs of all students, including students with exceptionalities, such as behavioural, communication, intellectual, physical and multiple learning disabilities. Students' exceptionalities are identified through a formal review process undertaken by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC).

OUR SCHOOL ALSO OFFERS:

Co-Curricular Programs

Arts Programs

- ✦ Dance:
Classical, Concert & Performances, Contemporary, Modern
- ✦ Dramatic Arts:
Dramatic Arts Festivals, Excursions, Live Production/Play, One Act Plays
- ✦ Integrated Programs:
Screen Arts, Zoom Film Festival
- ✦ Music:
Band, Choir, Excursions, Guitar, Keyboard, Music concerts/performances, Orchestra, Piano, Strings, Vocal
- ✦ Visiting Artists:
Dance, Drama, Music, Screen Arts, Visual Arts
- ✦ Visual Arts:
Computer/Graphic Arts, Excursions, Film/video, Photography, Printmaking, Showcase/Competitions, Stage design, Summer Art Studio
- ✦ Workshops:
Dance, Drama, Music, Screen Arts, Visual Arts

Intramurals

- ✦ Badminton
- ✦ Ball Hockey
- ✦ Basketball
- ✦ Ping Pong/Table Tennis
- ✦ Soccer

Athletic Teams

- ✦ Badminton
- ✦ Baseball
- ✦ Basketball

- ✦ Cricket
- ✦ Cross Country
- ✦ Curling
- ✦ Dragon Boat Race
- ✦ Field Hockey
- ✦ Golf
- ✦ Ice hockey
- ✦ Rugby
- ✦ Skiing
- ✦ Snowboarding
- ✦ Soccer
- ✦ Swimming
- ✦ Tennis
- ✦ Track and Field
- ✦ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✦ Volleyball

Clubs

- ✦ Business
- ✦ Charitable Organizations
- ✦ Cultural
- ✦ Environmental
- ✦ Equity
- ✦ External Affairs
- ✦ Fine Arts
- ✦ Hobbies, i.e. chess, board games
- ✦ Leadership
- ✦ Library
- ✦ Math
- ✦ Model United Nations

THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:

- ✦ School Spirit
- ✦ Science
- ✦ Sound, Light and Stage Crew
- ✦ Sports Clubs
- ✦ Student Newspaper Club/Yearbook Club

Leadership Organizations

- ✦ Athletic Council
- ✦ Student Activity Council
- ✦ Student Leadership:
Arts Council, Leadership Council, ESL Council

Competitions

- ✦ Computers:
ECCO Programming Contest, The Dwite Computing Contest
- ✦ English As a Second Language (ESL)
- ✦ French
- ✦ Kiwanis Festival:
Music
- ✦ Mathematics Competitions:
AMC 10/12 Math Contest, Cdn. Open Math Challenge, CNML
- ✦ Ontario Business Contests:
CA Challenge - grade 12 accounting, OBEA Accounting - grades 11, 12, DECA International
- ✦ Other Math Contests
- ✦ Pierre Berton Writing Contest
- ✦ Science Competitions:
CHEM 13 gr. 12 Contest, AVOGADRO gr. 11 Contest
- ✦ Sears Drama Festival:
Metro level
- ✦ Skills Canada

Student Success

Pathways Programs

- ✦ Other:
Leading to the World of Work Program, Peer Leadership Course
- ✦ School to Futures:
Career Fair, Steps to College, Steps to University

Special Events

- ✦ Career Fair
- ✦ Skills Canada

Remedial Activities

- ✦ Credit Recovery
- ✦ Credit Rescue
- ✦ Remedial Literacy Program
- ✦ Remedial Numeracy Programs

Partnerships

School Based

- ✦ Local Business:
Proctor & Gamble
- ✦ Trinity Theatre Studios



Information about the success of our programs comes from a wide variety of student assessments. These assessments are based on clear expectations for all learners, consistent with those described in *The Ontario Curriculum*.

The primary purpose of student assessment is to improve learning. Assessment has the greatest potential to improve learning when it is an integral part of classroom activities. Teachers assess student progress towards achieving the expectations on an ongoing basis by using strategies such as projects, class presentations, homework assignments, classroom observations, portfolios of student work, and tests.

Schools use assessment information and information from other sources to make informed decisions for school improvement planning. Schools identify areas of strength as well as areas that require improvement. Input is obtained from a variety of sources such as student assessments, teacher feedback, parent feedback, and community surveys. In this way, schools monitor, celebrate and improve their efforts in providing a supportive and challenging learning environment for all their students.

WHAT OUR SCHOOL IS PLANNING FOR THIS YEAR

What our School is Planning for this year:

Literacy

- ✦ Establish an assistant curriculum leader of literacy to assist in EQAO grade 10 Literacy Test
- ✦ Offer a remedial program for students who failed the test as well as preparing grade 9 students for the test in the fall
- ✦ Provide cross-curricular literacy resources and professional development for staff
- ✦ Participate in the Turning Points Program with the Learning Partnerships
- ✦ Establish a school-wide Reading Program

Numeracy

- ✦ Establish an assistant curriculum leader of Numeracy to assist in EQAO grade 9 math tests
- ✦ Offer a remedial program for students to prepare for the tests in the Spring
- ✦ Provide support for Numeracy initiatives and resources for staff
- ✦ Involve students in math contests at every level

Equity

- ✦ Staff representative on the TDSB Equity Team
- ✦ Conflict resolution among staff and students
- ✦ Infusion of equity curriculum in various subjects
- ✦ Awareness of equity issues for staff and students
- ✦ Establish the Equity EH Coalition

Earl Haig Celebration

- ✦ Plan for 25th anniversary of Claude Watson Arts Program
- ✦ Plan for 80th reunion of Earl Haig S.S.

Broadening Choices

- ✦ Improve opportunities of access to programs and services
- ✦ Establish Student Success Program
- ✦ Create Peer Tutoring Program
- ✦ Provide continuous Co-operative Education Program

Exchange Programs

- ✦ Organize the Holland Exchange where Dutch students visit in the fall of 2007 and Earl Haig students visit in the spring of 2008
- ✦ Organize an exchange between Seisho High School in Japan and Earl Haig Secondary School in the summer of 2008

Safe Schools

- ✦ Coordinate common goals of Character Counts, Equity Coalition, and ESP
- ✦ Establish procedures to maintain a safe, orderly, and healthy environment such as evacuation plan, lock-down plan, power failure plan, etc.
- ✦ Grade 9 students participate in safe schools presentations given by 32 Division police as well as to School Council
- ✦ Enforce a Dress Code
- ✦ Establish a safety monitor program
- ✦ Provide opportunities for our Empowered Student Partnerships (ESP) committee to meet with 32 Division and plan, organize and execute a safe schools initiative at Earl Haig Secondary School.
- ✦ Extensive extra-curricular program that engage students in after school activities

Screen Arts Program

- ✦ Establish grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 programs
- ✦ Create an International Category in Zoom Festival

Computers & Information Technology

- ✦ Integration of computers and Information Technology into classroom learning
- ✦ Improve school website to include other major languages spoken at home
- ✦ Improve Constant Contact which is a database of parent e-mails

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Parent And Community Involvement

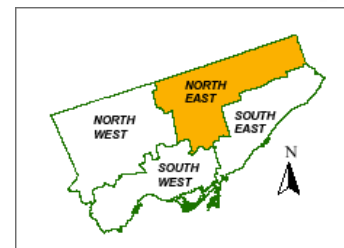
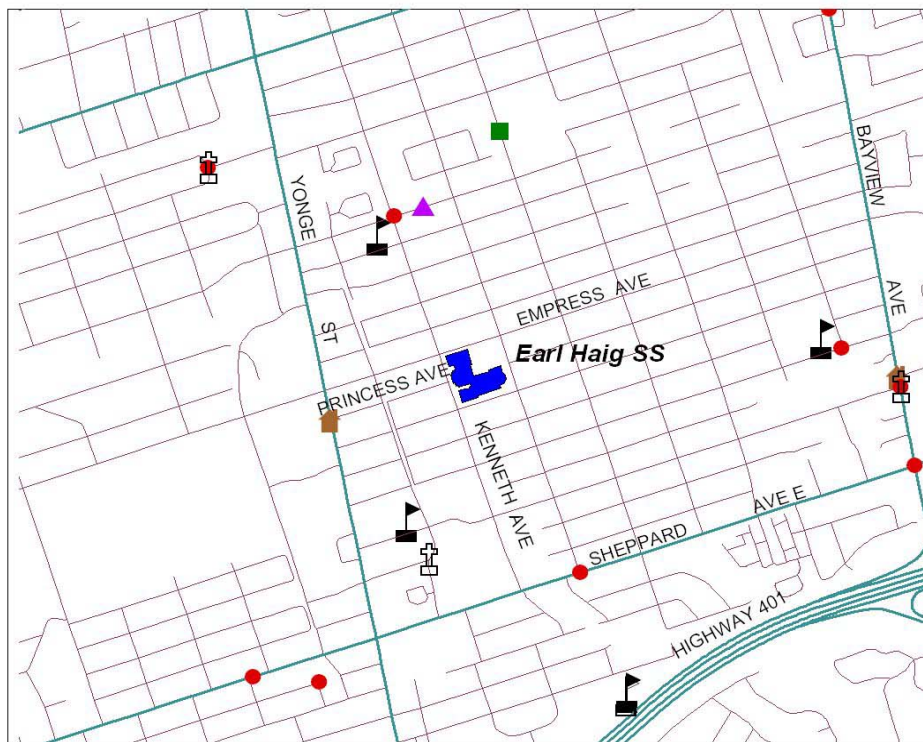
Parent Involvement:

- ✦ School Council meets regularly to discuss school issues and concerns
- ✦ School developed a Dress Code involving students, teachers, and parents
- ✦ Parents invited to participate in Parent Social and BBQ, Parent/Teacher Interview Nights, Claude Watson Update Night, Grade 8 Parents Night
- ✦ Parents are welcome to attend all school events such as School Show, Music Nights, Drama Nights, Fashion Show, Dance Nights, Art Show, P & G Coffee House, Spring Fling, Zoom Film Festival, and other functions.
- ✦ Haig Line Newsletters, Info Hotline, Constant Contact, and Website provide on-going information to parents

Community Links:

- ✦ The Foundation and Alumni include parents, students, alumni, and staff that supports Earl Haig's Cringan Hall and scholarship program.
- ✦ Partnerships have been developed with Procter & Gamble, St John's Rehabilitation Hospital, Toronto Public Health Services, and Trinity Theatre Studios
- ✦ Community connections are made for our Co-op Student Placement Program
- ✦ Students and staff support the ESP (Empowered Student Partnerships) with 32 Police Division.
- ✦ Community Representatives are regular guest speakers in classrooms and for special events
- ✦ Community members support our summer volunteer and work opportunities event.
- ✦ Guest artists are an integral part of the Claude Watson Arts Program
- ✦ International relationships are promoted with France, Greece/Italy, Holland, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, and United States.

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



- OUR SCHOOL
- TDSB Elementary School
- TDSB Junior High School
- TDSB Secondary School
- Separate School
- Daycare/Nursery School
- Family Resource/ Parenting Centre
- Community/ Recreation Centre
- Public Library

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Notes: The map shows the locations of local schools, community and social service facilities. For more information about these locations please contact the school. Sources: TDSB - Academic Accountability, Facility Services; City of Toronto - Children's Services, Toronto Land Information Services.