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OUR SCHOOL

Western Technical-Commercial School, situated in a picturesque residential neighborhood in the Bloor West Village, has a proud 80 year history of meeting the needs of its students. In the past two years, our beautiful building has undergone extensive renovations leaving us with many state-of-the-art computer and classroom facilities.

The needs of our students are met through a wide variety of academic, technological and business programs, including the Comprehensive Enrichment Program and the Special Education and Cooperative Education Departments. Graduates of Western traditionally leave us to go to university, community college or the workplace after having opportunities to test out their specific interests in a wide variety of elective courses offered in the Technology, Business, Arts or Social Science disciplines. A wide range of courses are offered in each of these areas including multiple credit Technical course "packages" for focused technical studies.

Western students are a wonderful example of Toronto's multicultural communities. Staff and students work together to make the school friendly, safe, caring and vibrant. The excellent sports facilities allow us to offer numerous competitive and intramural activities, as well as a wide range of teams to challenge and involve students of varying abilities. The Student Council is very active and we have an excellent student leadership program.

Western students thrive and excel, win many "in house" community and educational scholarships and awards, and graduate with confidence. They develop as young men and women in a school culture that values diversity, community and intellectual and emotional growth.

Special Features

- ✦ Full academic program at the University, Community College and Workplace levels
- ✦ A challenging four-year Comprehensive Enrichment program ("Gifted") utilizing our excellent technological facilities
- ✦ Traditional and "High-Tech" technology courses including 3D Animation, Robotics, Digital Electronics, Networking Certification, Architectural Drafting, Machining, Woodworking, Autobody, Mechanics and Printing programs
- ✦ A full Cyber-Arts program as well as Business courses featuring Accounting, Information Technology (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Web Page), Business Ownership and Management
- ✦ Special Education including Core Classes, Resource Room, Learning Strategies, and monitoring for support and success, as well as an extensive ESL/ELD Department and the LEAP program

OUR STUDENTS (As of spring 2008)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
✦ Total number of students:	991	
✦ Gender:		
Female	297	30%
Male	694	70%
✦ Primary language other than English:	380	41%*
✦ Students born outside of Canada:		
Students living in Canada for 2 years or less	44	5%
Students living in Canada for 3 - 5 years	78	8%

* 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

Arts Programs

- ✦ Music:
Band, Excursions, Music Concerts / Performances, Strings, Vocal
- ✦ Visiting Artists:
Visual Arts
- ✦ Visual Arts:
Ceramics, Computer/Graphic Arts, Excursions, Photography, Printmaking, Showcase/Competitions

Intramurals

- ✦ Basketball
- ✦ Cooperative Games
- ✦ Flag Football
- ✦ Floor Hockey
- ✦ Ping Pong/Table Tennis
- ✦ Volleyball

Athletic Teams

- ✦ Badminton
- ✦ Baseball
- ✦ Basketball
- ✦ Co ed Volleyball
- ✦ Cricket
- ✦ Cross Country
- ✦ Football
- ✦ Ice hockey
- ✦ Soccer
- ✦ Softball
- ✦ Swimming
- ✦ Table Tennis

- ✦ Track and Field
- ✦ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✦ Volleyball

Clubs

- ✦ Animé
- ✦ Chess
- ✦ Environmental
- ✦ Games
- ✦ Hiking Club
- ✦ Knitting Club
- ✦ Networking Games, Computer Programming, Multimedia Animation
- ✦ Radio Western, Film, Photography
- ✦ Recycling
- ✦ Robotics
- ✦ Social Justice Club
- ✦ Sound, Light and Stage Crew
- ✦ Student Newspaper Club/Yearbook Club
- ✦ Weight Lifting Club
- ✦ Weight Training
- ✦ Writing Club
- ✦ Yearbook

Leadership

- ✦ Student Activity Council:
Class Representatives, Social Committee, Prom Committee
- ✦ Student Announcers
- ✦ Student Leadership:
Leadership and Peer Support, White Pine, Health and Recreation Fitness

Competitions

THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:

- ✦ Chess
- ✦ Computers:
Programming, WARP 7 Robotics
- ✦ FIRST Robotics
- ✦ Mathematics Competitions:
Fermat, Cayley, Pascal
- ✦ Reach for the Top:
Western Tops
- ✦ Skills Canada

Community, Culture and Caring

Community - Mentoring

- ✦ Community Based:
One-on-One Mentoring Program, Toronto Police Services - School Liaison Officer
- ✦ School Based:
Peer Mentoring

Community - Tutoring

- ✦ Community Based:
License to Learn (L2L) - Hit a Higher Mark!
- ✦ School Based:
Literacy & Numeracy Tutoring (Cont. Ed), Peer Tutoring

Culture/Caring

- ✦ Camps:
Leadership, Outdoor Education
- ✦ Caring:
Boys to Men, Change Your Future, Food Drives, School Based Children's Mental Program (COMPASS), Settlement Education Partnership Toronto (SEPT)
- ✦ Fundraisers:
CN Tower Climb, Jump Rope for Heart, Terry Fox Run
- ✦ Safe & Caring Schools:
Bully Prevention Program, Crime Stoppers, ESP: Empowering Student Partnerships, Kids Help Phone, Recognition Assemblies, YOUCAN: Team Toronto, Peace Builders
- ✦ Social Skills:
Character Development Program, Steps to Respect: Respect in Schools

Equity

- ✦ African Heritage Month Activities
- ✦ Asian Heritage Month Activities
- ✦ Assemblies
- ✦ Recognition Awards Program

Student Success

Pathways Programs

- ✦ School to Work:
Job Fair - Work Connection 2007
- ✦ Schools to Future:

Career Fair, HSBC STEPS to University,
Pathways to Education

Transitions

- ✦ Grade 9 Orientation:
Leadership, Guidance
- ✦ Parent Information Nights

Specializations and Other Programs

Specialized Programs - Board Sanctioned

- ✦ Specialized Program:
CyberARTS

Other Programs (Not deemed specialized)

- ✦ Advanced Placement Courses
- ✦ Cisco/Nortel Systems
- ✦ Dual Credit
- ✦ ESD
- ✦ ESL
- ✦ Inner City
- ✦ LEAP

Special Education Programs

- ✦ Gifted
- ✦ LD - Learning Disability