

Avenue Road ACADEMY

*individualized education
in a community setting*



www.avenueroadacademy.ca



Message from the Founders

At Avenue Road Academy, we recognize that each individual learns through a unique combination of support, structure and guidance. Our vision for Avenue Road Academy is a school that adopts these principles and provides adolescents with an environment in which they can feel safe and comfortable. When the school opened its doors in 2010, the response from the community reaffirmed that Avenue Road Academy was listening to and meeting the needs of it's members. Several years later, we are still listening. We motivate our students to enter the university or college of their choice and to aim for their highest academic goals.

-David Aubrey Berger, B.A., M.E.S.,
Principal and Director of Education

-Jason Shaul Ellenbogen, B.A., M.S.W., R.S.W.,
Vice-Principal and Clinical Director

“There is only one subject; it is life.”

– Alfred North Whitehead

Personalized Learning Strategies

Avenue Road Academy provides students with the support necessary to take ownership of their studies. A self-directed learning program called 'iPlan', which is supported by the Ontario Ministry of Education, allows students to achieve their academic objectives by:

- ✓ Identifying academic interests and achievable expectations
- ✓ Developing personalized learning strategies
- ✓ Selecting effective methods of communication and evaluation
- ✓ Developing effective written and oral communication skills
- ✓ Developing the ability to think critically and logically

Learning Environment

- ✓ Small class sizes
- ✓ Student-teacher ratios are 5:1, 2:1 or 1:1
- ✓ Independent learning, peer mentorship and on-site academic tutoring both in person and online
- ✓ On-site clinical therapy and academic guidance
- ✓ Provision of all necessary resources for course work

"We are thankful we found you guys. The teachers have not only been educators for our son, but mentors to help him find his way. They understand how to motivate him and help him develop important life and learning skills. Thank you Avenue Road Academy!"

-2014 graduate's parent

Criteria for Success

- ✓ Continuous progress as measured by coursework
- ✓ Willingness to devote time and energy to the pursuit of academic excellence
- ✓ Perseverance and determination to overcome personal and social difficulties
- ✓ A responsible attitude towards attendance and assignments
- ✓ Mature behaviour regarding self-care and respect for others

Guaranteed Success

- 98 percent of our graduates continue on to study at the university or college of their choice.



"I was struggling with math and science at my previous school. Avenue Road Academy's program helped me achieve my goals and prepared me for success in the Ryerson engineering program."

Avi G, Engineering Student, AVRO Graduate

Academic Programs

- ✓ Full-time studies
- ✓ Part-time studies and evening classes
- ✓ Summer school
- ✓ Travel for credit
- ✓ Online courses

“Education breeds confidence.
Confidence breeds hope.
Hope breeds peace.”

–Confucius



“Completing high school seemed like an insurmountable task which I was putting on hold until I met the teachers at AVRO. I completed high school with a portfolio that enabled me to enter OCAD.”

Paige M, AVRO Graduate

Full Time Studies

Students enrolled full-time are expected to complete eight credit-courses per school year (two credits per term). Successful completion of a credit requires 110 hours of planned learning. Students who demonstrate excellent progress and time-management may be able to take additional credit courses during the year.

Part-Time Studies, Evening Classes & Credit Upgrading

Students can enrol at Avenue Road Academy in part-time and evening classes while attending another high school full-time. Our part-time and evening courses run for 16 weeks and are available 6 days a week. These courses of study are intended for students who:

- ✓ Would like to take more than a full-time course load
- ✓ Need a prerequisite or to upgrade a completed course
- ✓ Want one-to-one teaching or self-directed learning



Online Courses

Avenue Road Academy offers online education as an alternative to classroom learning. We offer a wide variety of courses online, strong academic instruction, interesting course material and innovative teaching techniques.

We use WizIQ, an online learning platform designed for our school, which allows students to complete courses at their own pace, to submit assignments 24 hours a day and to fulfil course requirements in accordance with their individual schedules. Online courses are taught by way of live video-tutorials, pre-recorded tutorials, online resources, peer collaboration and group work. Through our system, our online students are provided with the same supportive teaching assistance – with access to guidance and tutoring that we offer our students.

Students enrolled in a full-time high school are eligible for online courses at Avenue Road Academy for the purposes of fast-tracking, upgrading and fulfilling prerequisites.



Grade 9

Visual arts
 Music
 Integrated Arts
 Expressing Aboriginal Culture
 Geography of Canada
 English
 French
 Principles of Mathematics
 Foundations of Mathematics
 Science
 Healthy Active Living
 Outdoor Activities

Grade 10

Drama
 Visual Arts
 Music
 Integrated Arts
 Business
 Canadian History since World War I
 Civics
 English
 Careers
 Principles of Mathematics
 Foundations of Mathematics
 Aboriginal Peoples in Canada
 Science
 Healthy Active Living
 Outdoor Activities



Grade 11

Music
 Visual Arts
 Photography
 Entrepreneurship: The V
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 American History
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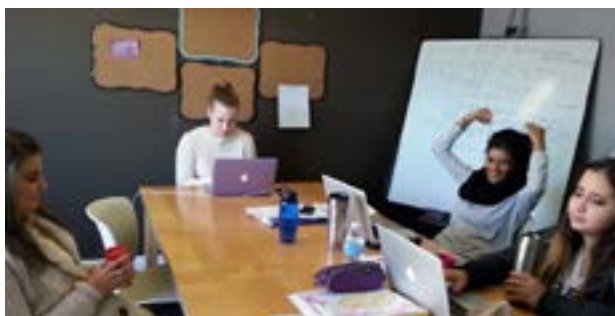
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Technology

Grade12

Music
Visual Arts
Photography
Media Arts
Business Leadership
Philosophy: Questions & Theories
Individuals and Families
Challenge and Change
Aboriginal Governance
The World of Fashion
Food & Nutrition
Environment: Resource Management
Canadian & World Issues
Canada: History, Identity, Culture
World History
Canadian & International Law
Canadian & World Politics
English
The Writer's Craft
Studies in Literature
Interdisciplinary Studies
Advanced Functions
Calculus and Vectors
Mathematics & Data Management
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Earth & Space Sciences



International Students

Avenue Road Academy's International Student Program offers non-Canadian high school students the opportunity to obtain Ontario Secondary School Diplomas and eligibility for prestigious Canadian universities and colleges. We are proud that all of our international students have been accepted into the post-secondary institutions of their choices.

International students can expect to learn English in the classroom with experienced ESL teachers and practice speaking English with their Canadian peers. As the school is located in central Toronto – Canada's leading centre of commerce, education and the arts - international students supplement their schooling with what this world-class city has to offer.

Our unique approach and nurturing atmosphere make Avenue Road Academy a home away from home for international students.

Pearson Edexcel Examinations, UK

AVRO is an official Pearson Edexcel International Examinations centre.



“The Mind Is Not a Vessel That Needs Filling,
But Wood That Needs Igniting.”

– William Butler Yeats

Travel For Credit

Avenue Road Academy offers Travel for Credit programs each year through which students earn one of several appropriately selected elective credits. Past trips have included canoe trips in Southern Ontario and outdoor expeditions in Costa Rica, Thailand and Cambodia.



Left:
Lake Temagami
Summer 2013

Below:
Costa Rica
March 2014



“Learning is experience.
Everything else is just information.”

—Albert Einstein

The AVRO Team

AVRO teachers and counsellors have specialized training and years of experience working with students with learning challenges and personal problems. Through our team's focus on interpersonal relationships, community and self-acceptance, we help students develop the skills and confidence to explore their full academic potential.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

– Nelson Mandela



David Aubrey Berger, B.A., M.E.S.

Principal and Director of Education

David brings a passion for helping students find their way of learning and has been involved in the founding of several accredited private high schools in

Toronto. He is a certified outdoor leadership instructor with over 30 years of experience running wilderness trips with youth and adults. David also runs teacher-training workshops on Eco Leadership and taught Environmental Studies at York University for 7 years. He is the author of *Eco Leadership: The Power of the Circle*.



Jason Shaul Ellenbogen, B.A., MSW., RSW.,

Vice-Principal and Clinical Director

Jason is a registered social worker and psychotherapist with extensive clinical experience in adolescent development and behavioural problems,

addiction treatment and family therapy. In addition to years of experience in private practice, Jason was part of the original therapeutic team at The Pine River Institute, a residential therapeutic boarding school that specializes in substance abuse issues and related mental health issues.

“It Takes a Village to Raise a Child.”

AVRO Department Heads



Chirasree Sen-Varma,

PhD, PG-Cert APSET, Member CAP,

Academic Coordinator & Science Department Head

With nearly two decades of experience teaching at the GCE Advanced Level Program (University of Cambridge, U.K.) under the Seychelles Ministry of Education, as well as years of experience working as a physicist, Chirasree brings a fresh approach to learning the fundamentals of science and helps students develop a keen appreciation of the subject matter. She is also the Examination Officer for the Edexcel examinations (UK) at AVRO.



Mindy Alexander

B.F.A., B.Ed., M.Ed., OCT

Social Sciences/Humanities Department Head

Mindy spends her time making and sharing her passion for art and the natural environment. She has taught in art galleries, museums, and prisons, along with having spent a few years researching arts-based education programs across Canada through the Royal Conservatory. She has her Additional Qualification in Special Education Part I along with a Graduate Diploma in Environmental/Sustainability Education.



How to Register

- ✓ Visit our website for registration forms at www.avenueroadacademy.ca
- ✓ Visit the school between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
- ✓ Call the school at 647.352.6060
- ✓ Email learn@avenueroadacademy.ca

Testimonials

Students:

“I can take classes around my work and MMA training schedule.”
–Vinny

“There’s a manageable workload, teachers have a high tolerance for annoyance plus there’s non-desk learning.” – Matt

“There’s a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere.” – Yehudah

“This school is awesome.” – Lionel

Parents:

“I want to compliment you on the time and care you take to understand each student’s particular learning style and comfort zone. I can clearly see that my son’s relationship skills and ability to perform well academically have increased within the schools environment. He has now applied those skills within his home and community.”

-Bob Zinner

“When learning is driven by desire it helps develop individuals who know what they want and why.”

– David Aubrey Berger



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