Welcome to one of the most exciting schools in Toronto. Although we are well recognized for our academic success, we also offer you outstanding physical education and arts programs. Our exceptional technical program meets the needs of students seeking careers in construction, robotics and communication technology. Our list of awards and our proven success in those areas is extensive. You will learn from our excellent, dedicated teachers who help prepare you for the future. We welcome students with many different learning styles and have special programs for gifted learners, students with learning disabilities and for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. We are a non-semester school with 2,000 students in Grades 9 to 12.

Our advanced placement opportunities cover a wide variety of subject areas, including chemistry, calculus, French, computer studies and history. Our leadership program, the ‘Buddies,’ offers character development, mentoring and support for new students. Our gifted program provides a seamless transition for students coming from the elementary gifted program.

Northern is one of only two public schools in Toronto to offer a financial securities program based on the Canadian Securities Course,™ a certificate required by professional brokers and traders. Investigate the stock market and look at the risks and safeguards in trading and creating stock portfolios. Enroll in our business and computer science programs; join other students who excel in accounting and financial securities competitions across the city. Our financial programs require you to ‘think outside the box.’ One of our students scored a perfect grade on an advanced placement (AP) examination in the business area.

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More information about Northern Secondary School

Drama, Music and Fine Art - Our drama students have much to boast about. Develop your skills with our talented teachers in outstanding facilities. Our students have received awards from the theatrical community, including the Playwrights Guild of Canada, the Foundation for the Recognition of Excellence in Drama, the Sears Drama Festival and the Wayne Fairhead New Play award.

Enroll in our music program and perform in our award-winning saxophone quartet, string quartet, choir, symphony orchestra, stage band and vocal groups. Our choir and symphony orchestra performed at Massey Hall and our stage band performed at the St. Lawrence Centre. We are offering a new music course, music composition on the computer.

Our fine art students have the opportunity to nourish their creative talents and gain insight into the world of design. Learn ceramic design, illustration, life drawing, material arts and photography.

Biotechnology and Forensics - In our biotechnology courses, you will learn the theory and practical applications of microbiology and DNA manipulation. Learn how to professionally communicate your results in lab reports, presentations and projects. Biotechnology and forensics is a hands-on laboratory course divided into three strands: microbiology, biotechnology and forensics. Isolate and manipulate DNA in bacterial cells; learn about crime scene investigations and evidence analysis techniques, including fingerprinting, blood splatter analysis and bone analysis.

Integrated Technologies - Experience our integrated technologies program and choose from communications (graphic arts) technology, video and broadcast, photographic production, robotics and computer engineering, architectural design, engineering design, construction and automotive and transportation technologies. Our students won seven gold medals in a single year at a Skills Canada competition. We welcome students from across Toronto into our technical studies program where you take a minimum of two technical courses each year, in Grades 9 to 12.

Fantastic Facilities - Enroll in one of the best physical education programs in Toronto. Learn and compete with professional equipment. Join our many competitive teams that have won numerous championships in football, baseball, basketball, track and other sports. Learn in special facilities for our technical programs, including design, manufacturing, communications technology and drama and family studies.

Test Drive Potential Careers

We provide opportunities for career exploration and valuable work experience through a diverse and extensive co-operative education program. Our science students have experienced placements in hospitals and have worked with research teams developing new discoveries. Our drama students have worked at film institutes and at local studios. Hospitality placements have our students working at the finest restaurants and hotels. Placements in construction companies, art galleries, health clubs, spas, child care and radio and television studios speak to the wide possibility of placements available to you. Our co-operative education department works in partnership with the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).

The Northern Secondary School Difference

Our students enjoy an outstanding record of academic achievement. Over 50 per cent of our students are Ontario Scholars; and 80 per cent are accepted into the college and university programs of their choice.

Our science students compete in provincial and national fairs; we are ranked fifth overall out of 442 schools in Canada. Our students won a national biology competition certificate of excellence. Science students also compete in chemistry and physics, earning scholarships valued at up to $5,000. Our debating team represented Canada at Oxford University in England, earning fifth place in international competition. We arrange for our students to work with mentors from the University of Toronto and York University to help broaden their perspective.

We know parents lead busy lives so we created a weekly online parent email newsletter. Your parents can book appointments for interviews with teachers online.