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OUR SCHOOL

Quest Alternative School is located on the third floor of Withrow Public School between Danforth Avenue and Gerrard Street. Quest Alternative has been in existence for 17 years.

- ◆ The school serves nearly 70 students, most of whom are of English-speaking backgrounds.
- ◆ Quest is an alternative school offering senior level (Grade 7-8) programs.
- ◆ The school shares the gymnasium, school yard, and library facilities with Withrow Public School, as well as the pool facilities with the City Adult Learning Centre.

OUR STUDENTS (as of March 1999)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
◆ Total number of students:	68	
◆ Gender :		
Female	28	41%
Male	40	59%
◆ Primary language other than English	5	8%
◆ Students born outside of Canada:		
Students living in Canada for 2 years or less	0	0%
Students living in Canada for 3-5 years	0	0%

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

- ◆ Languages – English, English as a Second Language, and French
- ◆ Mathematics, Science and Technology, and Design Technology
- ◆ Arts – Music, Visual Arts, Drama and Dance
- ◆ Health and Physical Education, History and Geography, Family Studies and Guidance

Special Education Programs

A variety of special education programs and services is 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).

QUEST ALTERNATIVE SR SCHOOL ALSO OFFERS:

Arts Programs/Activities

- ◆ Music: French Music Concert - singer, guitarist (Gr.7-8)
- ◆ Visual Art: 6 guest artists for one week each (Gr.7-8)
- ◆ Instrumental music for all students

Co- and Extra-Curricular Activities

- ◆ Girls Basketball
- ◆ Girls Baseball
- ◆ Boys Basketball

Other Programs and Services

- ◆ Advisory/mentoring program (Gr.7-8)
- ◆ One-week field studies at Greenwood Conservation Area
- ◆ 5-day French Immersion activities in Quebec
- ◆ ECOQUEST - an ecological science fair

Staff Development

- ◆ Train the Trainer workshops
- ◆ Writing workshop
- ◆ Advisor-Advisee workshop
- ◆ Drawing and Painting workshop

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 QUEST ALTERNATIVE SR SCHOOL IS PLANNING FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

School Focus For This School Year:

- ◆ Each fall Quest Alternative moves the school to Greenwood Conservation Area for a week to do field studies encompassing Science, History, Art, Language and Geography. The evenings are filled with social activities and parent visits.
- ◆ In January of each year, the students participate in five-day French immersion activities at St. Donat, Quebec.

In June of each year, the students participate in a five-day camping experience – alternating between tent camping and hiking in Tobermory, Ontario, and an outdoor education programme at Camp Kandalore in Minden, Ontario.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

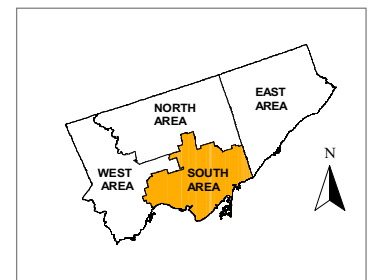
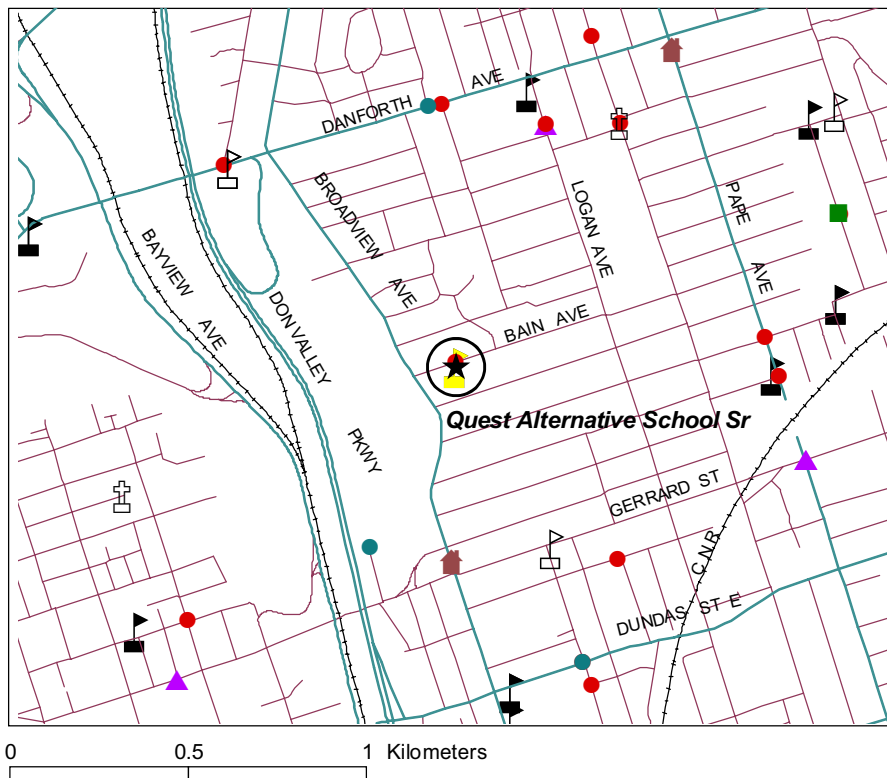
Parental Involvement:

- ◆ School Community Council with 12 active parent members
- ◆ Parent helpers on field trips

Community Links:

- ◆ 2 community volunteers - Junior Achievement Program
- ◆ Parent Speakers

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



- ★ OUR SCHOOL
- ▣ TDSB Elementary School
- ▢ TDSB Secondary School
- ⊕ Separate School
- Daycare/Nursery School
- Family Resource/Parenting Centre
- ▲ Community/Recreation Centre
- 🏠 Public Library

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 include: TDSB - Academic Accountability, Facilities Services; City of Toronto - Children's Services, Toronto Land Information Services.