

More information about Alpha II Alternative School

Manage your own time - Since you determine the best way for you to learn, there are no prearranged timetables to follow. If you prefer a timetable, you can construct one in discussion with teachers, other students and parents. The goal?--find the best way to learn according to where you want your learning to take you.



Learn with your hands - You are encouraged to be a creator in whatever way best suits your self expression--as an artist, a builder, a writer, a community activist, a computer programmer, an experimental scientist or an inventor. Our teachers will help to find the right mentor to give the support you need.



Education as unique as you - Explore the curriculum through your interests. For example, you might decide to make a film. Math could be explored in planning the budget and considering camera angles, English could be covered in penning proposals -- and scriptwriting, Science and Technology could be the focus learning about the developing of physical film and in film editing -- and so on. You create your own educational path in relation to what you consider important.



Gain Confidence - Your ability to get your ideas across depends on the opportunity to express yourself. Here at Alpha II, your interpersonal skills are improved consistently and naturally through interaction with your peers and your teachers in a relaxed atmosphere.

Get Out into the Neighbourhood - Alpha II is a great place to introduce yourself to the world at large. We are located in an area with exceptional opportunities -- in one of the most diverse neighbourhoods in downtown Toronto. We have close and easy access to public transit, a large shopping mall, a unique and popular community park, a branch of the Toronto Public Library, including a secondary school with two playing fields, and the good fortune to be located in an historic building along with Kent Senior Public School.



Independent-Minded People - Picture yourself with people who care about your ideas, energy, creativity and enthusiasm. We have no test scores, no competitions and make no comparisons.

Test Drive Potential Careers

Learning Life-Long Skills

Our student-led schooling model introduces the opportunities and challenges you often encounter only after graduation, during the secondary school years. At Alpha II, we trust and respect your innate ability to learn because we only ask you to pursue personally meaningful activities.

When you leave Alpha II you can expect to be an independent thinker. And since you have taken charge of, and responsibility for, your own learning you are well-prepared to take on the challenges of higher education. You will leave Alpha II knowing more than the required subject material for secondary school students. You will have gained the knowledge of *how to learn*.

Curiosity, creativity, independent thinking and social responsibility are characteristics and skills we foster at Alpha II through our focus on principles (of diversity, social justice, anti-racism, and community) as well as emphasizing the art of each discipline in our efforts to engage you.



The Alpha II Alternative Difference

What Makes Our School Different

At Alpha II, learning is always self-directed. You determine how to engage with the curriculum through self-selected learning activities. You are the central actor, demonstrating your knowledge in meeting Ministry curriculum expectations. To help set the stage for your learning, Alpha II encourages a sense of community with many opportunities to work on your own or with a group.

Evaluation is accomplished pro-actively through continual observations, conferences and self reflection. You record your progress with secondary level personal portfolios. This is a method which meets Ministry requirements.

