



Educational Project

The Academy was founded in 2001 by amalgamating two community high schools in Lachine, Bishop Whelan High School and Lachine High School. Our population consists of students from Dorval, Lachine, LaSalle, Verdun, Montreal West and Kahnawake. We have a culturally, ethnically and socio-economically diverse population. A school uniform has been adopted by our community since 2001. This helps to bring uniformity to a very diverse student community.

Programs

Our school offers three different academic programs which lead to a Diploma of Secondary Studies (DES)

★ **International Baccalaureate (IBMYP)**
is an enriched program open to all students who meet the entrance requirements (see website for details). Students who successfully complete this program will also receive an IBOMYP Certificate.

★ **English Program**
is intended for students who have followed an English or bilingual elementary school program.

★ **French Immersion Program**
is intended for students who have followed a French Immersion elementary program or are coming from the French school system in Quebec.

★ **Media Communication Arts**
is an intensive media option being offered to students at all levels. Students are given the opportunity to learn 21st Century multimedia skills in areas such as Graphic and Web Design as well as Print, Audio and Video Production.

Our Mission Statement

Students have the right to be prepared academically and socially.

Students will receive a holistic education that will prepare them to become responsible citizens with positive values, critical thinking skills and work ethic.

Student success will be maximized through the combined efforts and support of the whole Lakeside community.

Students will be enriched through a variety of social and extracurricular programs that complement and further develop skills learned in the classroom.

Our Guiding Principles

<p>Programs to meet the needs of all students, maximizing resources available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Emphasize individual learning styles ★ Develop social and academic goals of students, recognize multiple intelligences in each person ★ Provide opportunities to be successful (e.g.. Literacy Project) 	<p>Holistic approach to learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Offer diverse educational and extra-curricular programs ★ Develop critical thinkers and problem solvers ★ Encourage creative approaches to learning ★ Encourage the use of instructional technology 	<p>Professional development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Support teachers to attend conferences and workshops ★ Provide QEP focused professional days ★ Provide opportunities for administrators and teachers to develop and implement the QEP Curriculum Reform
<p>Atmosphere conducive to learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Respect self and others ★ Encourage commitment to excel ★ Develop a positive work ethic ★ Support students to reach their potential 	<p>Development of pride and ownership in the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Encourage communication and partnership among students, parents, teachers and community ★ Provide opportunity for community service and social outreach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Provide opportunities for teachers and administrators to work collaboratively, sharing expertise and best practices ★ Implement New Teacher Mentoring Program

