

The mission of the Eastern Townships Learning Centre is to help environment, respecting the uniqueness of each student, facilitating the development of self-esteem, and providing quality instruction, inclusiveness and opportunities to explore work experiences that can guide the student in the making of realistic and successful life choices.

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School Community Information

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<u>STUDENT ENROLMENT</u>	120
<u>TEACHERS</u>	14
<u>SOCIAL AIDE TECHNICIAN</u>	1
<u>SPECIAL ED. TECHNICIAN</u>	2
<u>H. STUDENT ATTENDANT</u>	3

The Eastern Townships Learning Centre shares a facility with Alexander Galt Regional High School in Sherbrooke. It is an alternative program designed to provide academic and work skills for adolescents, with an emphasis on an experiential learning approach.

Students come to the Learning Centre from many parts of the Townships: Sherbrooke, Magog, Richmond and the surrounding areas.

Students who have had difficulty progressing in traditional classroom settings are able to learn in small group settings with teachers who design individualized programs and monitor their progress individually.

Project based learning is an integral part of the Learning Centre. Students work in a number of of special school projects and programs to achieve their goals. After a successful supervised in-school placement, students progress to more independent work placements in the general community.

Students over the age of 15 who are attending the Learning Centre may also participate in a pre-work training or a semi-skilled training program that leads to MELS certification.



Specialty Programs offered at the ETLC

Academic Enrichment Program: This class is to prepare students for Vocational Education Programs. The emphasis is on Mathematics, Language Arts, and French with Healthy living being incorporated into the curriculum. Many of these students have completed a semi-skilled certificate.

Look to the Mountain:

This class focuses on the experiential learning approach and involves hands-on learning in a variety of outdoor settings. 13 students successfully completed the program last year.

Semi-skilled Training:

This class focuses on students acquiring 375 hours of job training in a trade that will allow them to achieve a high school certificate for a semi-skilled trade.

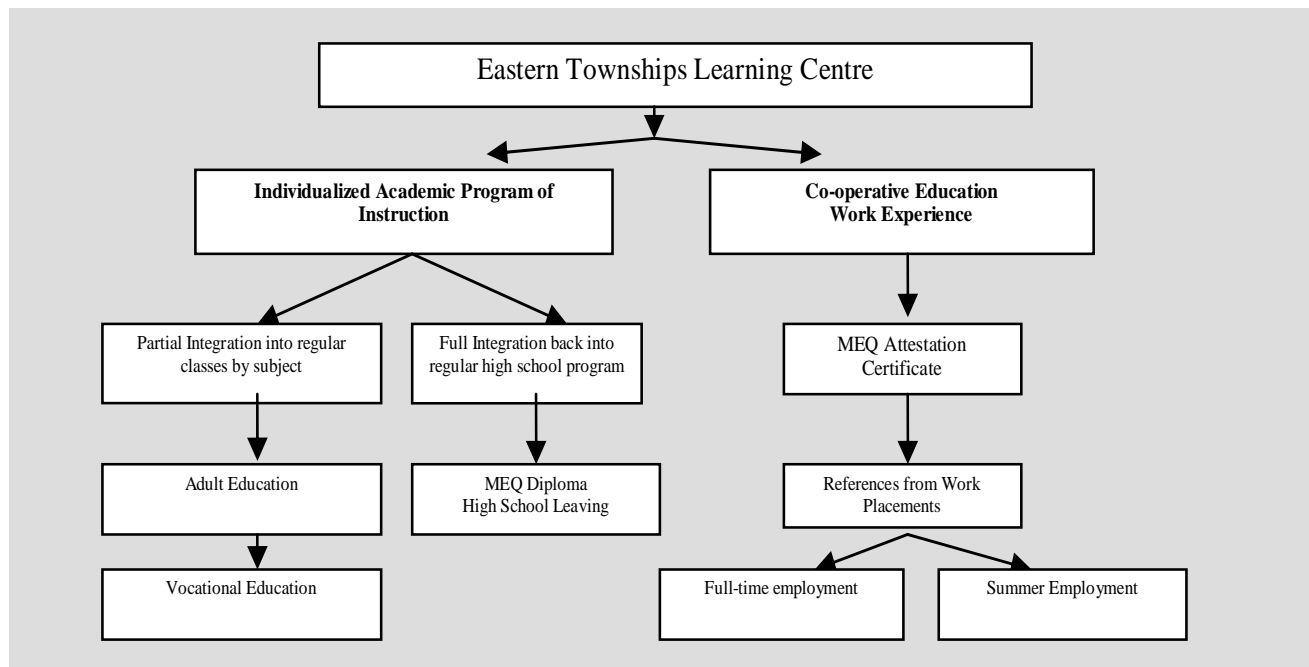
Pre-Work Training:

This class focuses on a 3-year accumulation of 900 job-training hours that will allow the students to achieve a high school certificate for pre-work training.

Modified Academic:

These classes have students in small groups (13-17) with a homeroom teacher 75% of the time. These students work towards reintegrating back into mainstream high school and may attend a course or two at GALT.

Program Field Trips



Assessing Student Progress

Success is determined by the overall development of the student as a responsible and mature young person. The Learning Centre develops pathways through experiential learning, cooperative education and vocational training programs for the student to be successful.



The following 2008-2009 statistics provide some insight into the success of both our academic and cooperative education programs.

ETLC 2008-2009 Student Enrolment	120
Number of students reintegrated full-time into the regular high school program/voc. ed.	9
Number of students partially reintegrated into regular high school programs by subject	12
Number of students successfully completing an internal (in-house) work placement	14
Number of students successfully completing an external (community) work placement	54
Pre-work training: Work-oriented training path	30
Work-oriented training path: Training for a semi-skilled trade	19
Number of students participating in the L.C./ Vocational Education Pilot Project (welding/metal forming)	16
Number of students participating in the L.C./ Vocational Education Pilot Project (home-care)	13



The Learning Centre continues to evolve in order to meet the needs of our students. We have expanded our "Look to the Mountain" experiential learning program and now have it integrated into our Pre-Work and Semi-Skilled programs.

We have laptop computers that allow our students to take advantage of the ELS initiative. This has been a tremendous educational aid, which has proven to be very successful.

At the same time, we are implementing changes to our curriculum that will provide the students with new challenges and educational opportunities. All of our classes are now a part of the ArtsSmarts program that integrates the arts in to many areas of the curriculum.

The Learning Centre and Vocational Education Centre joint projects: Introduction to Welding & Metal Forming Techniques and Home-Care were both an enormous success. This year we will be having several students participating in both these programs. We hope to continue this collaboration with the Vocational Education Centre and add to our programs.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Through our Co-operative Education program, we have developed strong relationships with numerous community organizations and businesses throughout the Townships. Our students are welcomed into different job placements and gain valuable work experience. These work placements may enable the students to obtain a semi-skilled certification or lead to summer jobs and full-time employment.

This year we have begun a Special Olympics School Based program that has been integrated throughout the school with four activity days and a Power Lifting competition.

We also have some Bishop's and Sherbrooke University education students doing their practice teaching at the Learning Centre. We also have some Champlain special care counseling students completing their stage with us.

More About Our Student/School Achievement

The Learning Centre's annual awards ceremony allows us to recognize student achievement, excellence and participation in the classroom as well as in their work placements. 2009-2010 highlights include:

- *Lieutenant Governor medals awarded to Kathy Miltimore and Simon-Pierre Messier
- *First prize at ETSB Show Your Talent was awarded to the Learning Centre for their movie "Country Living".

