

**Oakwood Academy** is an independent school for children who require a personalized education plan and small class size to meet their unique learning needs. As a division of Kids CAN Social Centre for Children with Autism & Asperger's Syndrome, Oakwood Academy places equal focus on academics and social skills development. We strive to ensure every student is working at their highest potential and is being challenged to meet goals beyond what is taught in an ordinary classroom.

## Our Teaching Methods

We recognize the individual differences among our students and we take an eclectic approach to education. Through the practices of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), Natural Environment Teaching (NET), Verbal Behaviour, and the DIR/Floortime Model, our students are taught to *think, relate and communicate* and do not simply learn rote skills. Our goal is to have all students become independent learners and problem solvers and our individual education plans ensure that our curriculum is meeting the needs of every student.

## The Multidisciplinary Approach

Oakwood Academy believes that in order for students to achieve their highest potential, a multidisciplinary intervention team needs to work closely together in developing an appropriate educational plan. The team includes teachers, instructor therapists, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, as well as music and art therapists to ensure that there is an integration of all services across all disciplines.

**Academics are just the beginning!** Oakwood Academy meets the Ontario Curriculum Standards for education and also integrates social and emotional education into each student's day.

### Some of the social areas we focus on include:

- Emotional understanding & regulation
- Listening and responding
- Appropriate non-verbal and verbal communication
- Auditory processing
- Play & conversation skills with peers
- Problem solving, negotiation & co-operation
- Conflict resolution and problem solving

"Think, Relate, Communicate"



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*Academic, communication  
and social goals  
that are essential for your  
child's development*

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*Preschool - Grade 6*

## More Than a School...

- Sensory Integration Room
- SMARTboard™ Technology
- Outdoor Playground
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Music and Art Therapy
- Yoga Instruction
- Therapy Dogs
- Academic Upgrading
- Social Skills Development
- Parent Support & Involvement
- Nutritional Consultations
- After-School Social Clubs

## Parents as our Partners

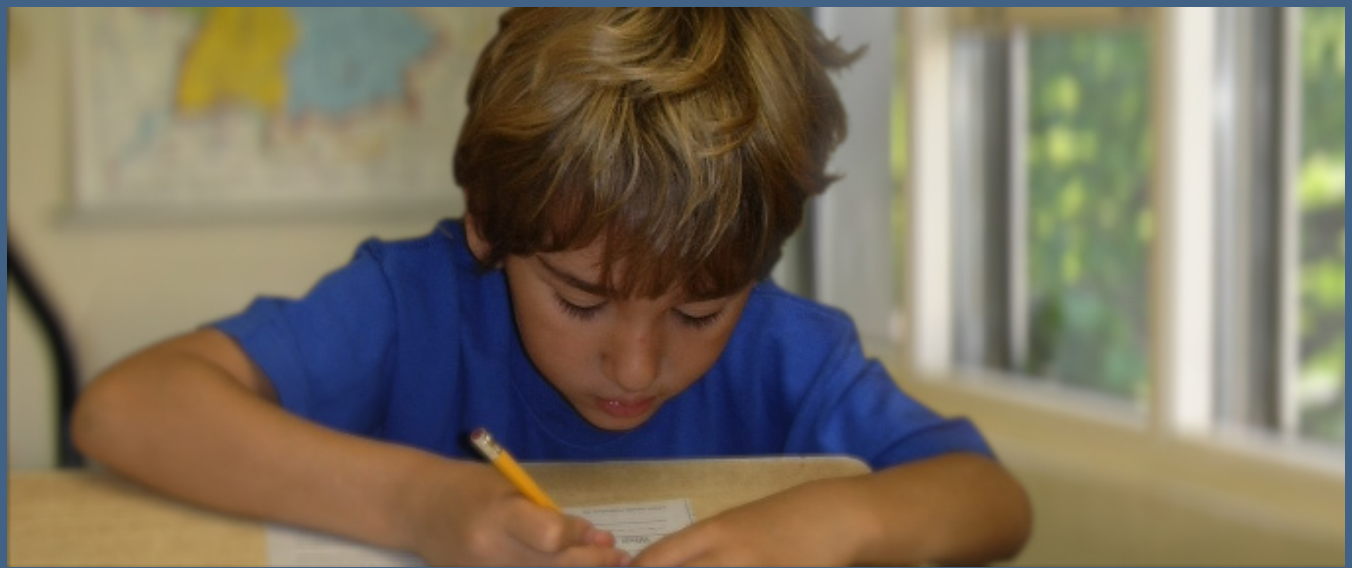
We believe that ongoing parent communication is essential to ensure the success of our students. As a parent at Oakwood Academy and Kids CAN, you are a part of our educational team and we are dedicated to consistent parent communication and involvement!

## Our Students:

Education at Oakwood Academy begins at age 2.5 years and continues until grade 6. This is an ideal learning environment for children with autism, Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD, social anxiety or learning disorders. Students will be placed within our 1:1 Transition Program or in one of our small academic classes.

## How to Enroll:

Call to set up an intake appointment at **(905) 486-1035**. Early enrollment is recommended. Space is limited.



## Individualized Education at Oakwood Academy

**The Transition Program** has a 1:1 teacher to student ratio and maintains a multidisciplinary approach to learning. Each child will engage in experiences to help them develop and master communication skills as well as build independence within a school & social environment.

Children will receive a complete education to encompass their social, emotional, physical and academic needs. Included in our curriculum are specialized instruction times where students participate in art and music therapy as well as speech and occupational therapy consultations.

Although each student will have individual support throughout their day, they will not be isolated from their peers. Transition students are frequently integrated into age appropriate group settings to develop classroom and social skills.

**Grades 1 -6 Academic Classes** do not exceed a class size of 5 students and maintain a 2:5 teacher to student ratio. Students will work towards academic goals as set by the Ontario Ministry of Education and have an individual education plan to support their academic and social needs.

Students will be grouped in classes according to their appropriate age and developmental level. While academic upgrading is often a goal for our students, there is equal focus on social and emotional development which we believe will transfer to all areas of healthy development.

**Preschool/Kindergarten Program** focuses on teaching the necessary social skills that children need to navigate the social world throughout their school years. This program is ideal for students 3 - 6 years of age, who need additional support with appropriate peer interaction and classroom skills. The Kindergarten Program maintains a 2:5 teacher to student ratio.

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