

Accreditation School Profile

Timothy Christian School (Rexdale/Etobicoke)

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The boards of the Timothy Christian School and Canadian Hallmarks Institute (CHI) are pleased to publish this *Accreditation Profile* as a public service promoting independent faith-based education in the greater Toronto area. The format of this profile follows CHI standards: The contents of this profile were developed using local information obtained as part of the successful accreditation review.

1. Mission:

The official mission of the school is:

Timothy Christian School provides, for the children of Christian families, a nurturing Christian environment where staff lead students to strive for excellence in all areas of learning.

2. Governance:

Timothy Christian School is owned by the Timothy Christian School Association of Toronto and operated on its behalf by an elected board of 12 directors. The Timothy Christian School Association of Toronto is a registered charity (#108110131RR0001) and membership in the society is open to all adults who meet the criteria.

3. Community Demographics of School

- a) The families supporting Timothy Christian School come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. A total of 46 different occupations are represented as well as a large economic range, from needy to wealthy families.
- b) The general statistics for Toronto County taken from Stats Canada Reports (2006), which provide the following:
 - Average (full-time income all families) \$69,321
 - Average (income single/parent families) \$38,824

4. Admission Policies for Students

- a) The Timothy Christian School board has adopted a policy of non-discrimination in support of the Ontario Human Rights Code. In promoting its distinctive Christian character, the policy requires that students should:
 - be able to benefit from the programs offered and that parents should
 - declare their (his/her) support of the school's religious identity as evident in official documents.
- b) The student body is 85% composed of Canadian citizens.

5. Faculty

- a) Timothy Christian School has 4 full-time and 5 part-time teaching staff, 66% of whom have the Ontario Teacher's Certificate, 44% hold the Christian Teacher's Certificate and 33% hold both the Ontario Teacher's Certificate and the Christian Teacher's Certificate.
- b) The average teaching experience of the staff is 7.45 years (full time equivalent). The board requires an annual program of professional development for all teachers.
- c) The pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) is 16:1 for 2009/10.

6. Student Achievement

Timothy Christian School has a student body of 83 and a complete JK-8 program. The faculty follows a defined evaluation program to monitor the academic and social progress of each student.

- a) Basic Skills - The school participates in the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS) student assessment program on an annual basis. In 2008, Grades 3 - 8 participated in the Canadian Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) with outstanding results.

Timothy Christian School (Rexdale/Etobicoke) CTBS Test Results, "2008" (percentile)			
Grade	School Ranking	OACS Norm	Canadian National Norm
3	80	81	50
4	40	77	50
5	80	76	50
6	68	73	50
7	75	76	50
8	87	75	50

- b) Literacy Test from Province - The school does not participate in the elementary provincial tests sponsored by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) because of the fees levied on non-funded private schools by the EQAO as a cost of participation.

- c) Timothy Christian School graduates attend Toronto District Christian High School where students score above average on the Provincial Literacy Test.
- d) Other significant awards given are Discipleship, Leadership, Athletics and Honour Roll.

7. Programs of Study

- a) Timothy Christian School offers a complete range of academic programs for all eight grades. The curriculum follows the outline developed by the OACS. This design follows the official Ministry of Education curriculum in content requirements.
- b) The board and faculty are committed to the integration of Christian perspectives throughout the entire program of studies.
- c) Timothy Christian School has a special education resource program and a special needs program. It provides technological studies at many grade levels to ensure that students acquire computer literacy before graduation.

8. Finances

- a) Timothy Christian School obtains its income from several sources, notably:
 - 83% from tuition;
 - 2% from donations;
 - 0% from government grants;
 - 10% from fundraising events;
 - 5% other
- b) 2009/2010 Year the tuition rate was \$9,850 family rate. Part time JK/SK student rate is \$5,910.
- c) For families experiencing temporary financial hardship, the board provides discretionary assistance as needed.
- d) The official budget is approved each spring at a general membership meeting. The budget expenditures are as follows:

● education, salaries and benefits	80%
● transportation	1.5%
● facilities, operating	8.5%
● facilities capital & mortgage interest	0%
● program	5%
● administration	5%
● other	0%

9. Membership

Timothy Christian School is part of a large family of schools known as the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS). This provincial organization provides general policy guidelines on all matters relevant to operating a school in Ontario. Timothy Christian School is also a

member of Christian Schools Canada (CSC) and Christian Schools International (CSI). The school is registered as a private school with the Ontario Ministry of Education and submits annual reports as required by law.

10. Testimonials

The board has asked two parents to provide their opinion about the education provided at Timothy Christian School. They have agreed to submit the following statements and are willing to discuss them.

There is a shining light in Toronto where school children from JK to Grade 8 can get a well balanced educational experience - Timothy Christian School (TCS) located in Rexdale. Rexdale means the Valley of the King: Rex (King), dale (valley), and the King is worshipped at TCS.

Our oldest children started attending TCS in 2001 after we abandoned the public school system due to the lack of discipline, poor academics, and non-existent Christian teachings. This year (2010) our eldest is heading into a Master's of Accounting program at the University of Waterloo, and our second eldest is becoming a Fine Arts teacher. We presently have 5 children at TCS (JK, Grades 1, 2, 7, 8). We thank God for the family rate.

TCS is an extension of the Church. Jesus Christ is lifted up and worshiped as the Son of God who died on the cross for our sins. Children are embedded with the Word of God, and the Word of God becomes an integral part of who they are. Academically, TCS surpasses the requirements of the public school system.

My wife and I praise God for TCS, the principal, the teachers, staff, and hard working volunteers. At TCS you see the salt of the earth and the light of this world in action. Teachers are encouraging, praying, and trusting God. They go the extra mile in all they do.

I am convinced that without the continuous character building at TCS our children would not have grown up to be the solid, stable Christian leaders and individuals they have and are turning out to be. Praise God for TCS!

- Andrew and Signe Mikelsons
(parents of nine children ranging in ages from 3 to 22)

11. Contact Persons

For further information contact:

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| ● Sabrina Hinds | Admissions Information |

12. Public Information

Any member of the public is welcome to request a copy of the following documents:

- *Official Bylaws*
- *School Calendar*
- *Admission Policy*
- *Financial Statements*
- *Membership Policy*