

2023-2024

# INFINITY SCHOOL VIEWBOOK



## We Are An Acton Academy

First, we invite you to [watch this virtual tour video](#) created by the founders of Acton Academy, Laura and Jeff Sandefer.

Learn more about the Sandefers [by visiting this website](#) to read [Laura's bio](#) and seeing Jeff in action by watching [his TEDx video](#). You might be interested to [listen to this podcast](#) that Jeff did with Jesse McCarthy of MontessoriEducation.com.

Have you heard of [Seth Godin](#)? Here are [his comments about Acton Academy](#).

Laura wrote this informative and helpful book about Acton Academy entitled *Courage to Grow*, which you can [download to your kindle for only \\$1.10](#). We have a limited number of paper copies at the school to give away — please let us know if you would like one of those.



## 21st Century Learning Happens Here

After going through the information above, you have likely realized something special is happening here and that we are quite different from a traditional education programme. Here is an article from Forbes that explains what 21st Century Learning is.

The focus is on skill development over information regurgitation: process over content. Content is viewed as the vehicle on the road to developing mastery in important skills, such as: critical thinking, resolving conflict, problem solving, and project management.

Thankfully we are not relying on “curriculum development”, as it happens in traditional schools, where a committee of government-appointed people discuss how to change the curriculum.

It is not surprising that this method means that curriculum only changes over decades in complete opposition to our fast-paced technologically-driven society. We are able to keep up to those changes!

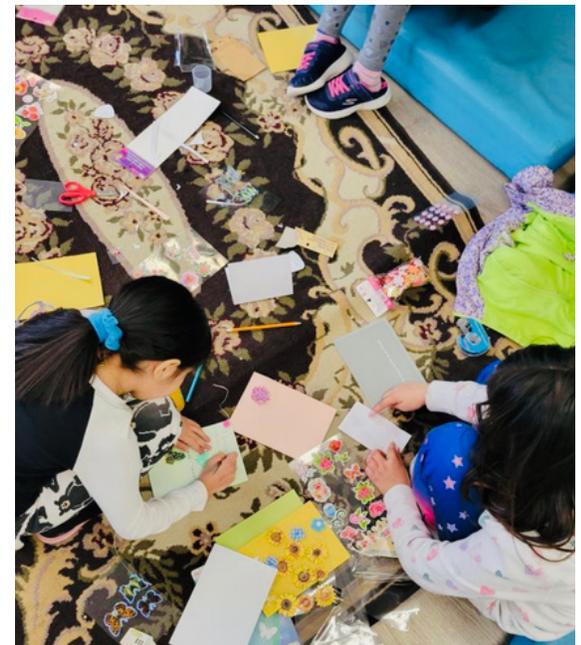


# Our Learning Design in Action

You won't find grades or report cards at our school. Our learners and educators use a software program unique to Acton Academy to deliver learning challenges, mediate planning, track progress, and provide feedback- all in real time.

To get a better idea of how our programme is organized, take a look at [our calendar](#). Note that it is different from a traditional school year, so please read over it to see if it works with your family. Our year is broken up into sessions, which are periods of time where we focus on one big collaborative project (called a Quest), with periods of rest so our learners can recharge and be ready for the next big adventure. Camps are often available during these breaks.

Zooming in further, see an excerpt of a typical weekly schedule, this one from our Middle School.



You can see that the morning is often focused on core skills: math, reading, writing, and french. Learners use a variety of tools to develop these skills in a self-paced, tailored fashion. Learners face hands-on challenges that require real-world collaborative problem solving to take these skills and put them into action. Working as a close-knit mixed-level community, they support each other to grow these essential skills.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Launch			
Reading Partners	Running Partners		
Silent Core Skills			Fitness
2M Break			
Collaborative Core Skills	Civilization	Math Power Hour	Silent Core Skills
Lunch Lunch Desk Maintenance by 12:30pm			
Genre	Quest	Quest	Annual Badge Planning + Badge Work
Quest	Collaborative Core Skills		Town Hall
Studio Maintenance			
JT Updating & Recording			
Landing			
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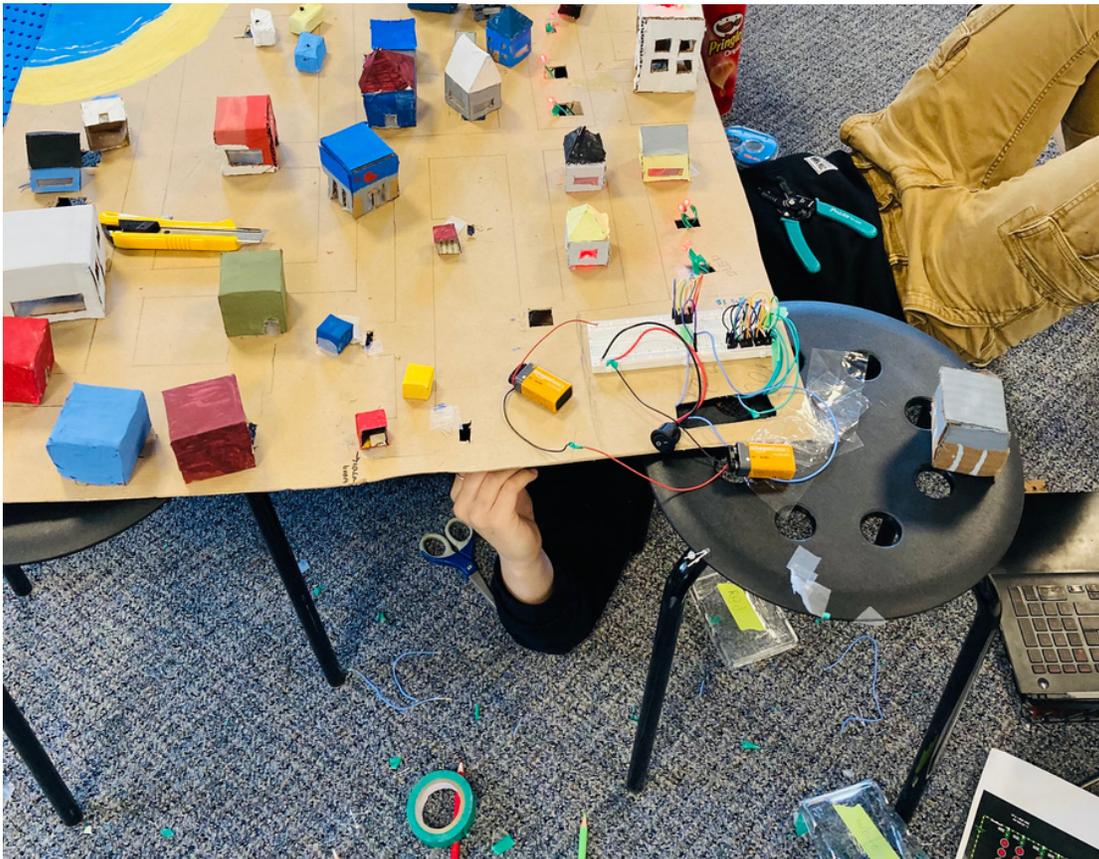
# Quest

Each session is devoted to a collaborative experiential project called a Quest.

Each Quest focuses on one or more area of learning, such as: art, music, history, science, technology, et cetera.

Take a look at some of our previous Quests!

To the right: Physics (watch one of the machines in action [here!](#)), Film Making, Entrepreneurship, and Art.



To the left: Electricity Quest

See us in action by visiting our Instagram page at [@InfinitySchoolCA](#).

Pull up a chair, there are years of posts to look through!

## Complete the Questionnaire

If you can answer “yes” to all of the questions below, we invite you to complete our enrolment questionnaire to better understand your and your child’s learning goals and why you’d like to join Infinity School.

- Have you watched all the videos linked in this post?
- Have you looked at the tuition page and understand that due to our small size, we do not provide scholarships?
- Are all of your child’s vaccinations up to date (Ontario’s Immunization Schedule)? This is necessary to protect some medically-vulnerable learners here.
- Are you keen to engage in a learning process that hands the responsibility of learning to the child and his/ her/ their family?
- Are you open to being on a journey with us where the experiences are the teachers?
- After reading through everything above carefully, do you believe your child would thrive in this kind of learning environment?

If yes to all, please [click here to complete the questionnaire.](#)

