



**eaton
arrowsmith
school**

*strengthening
learning
capacities*



**WE HELP
IMPROVE:**

- reading
- math
- attention
- written expression
- listening
- social perception
- comprehension
- reasoning
- learning efficiency
- memory

a cognitive program for students with learning and attention disabilities

"Contrary to the notion that the brain has fully matured by the age of eight or twelve, with the truly crucial wiring completed as early as three, it turns out that the brain is an ongoing construction site. It is a mental state (attention) that has the ability to direct neuroplasticity. In doing so, it has the power to alter the very landscape of the brain."

From: **The Mind and the Brain**

Schwartz & Begley, 2002

"Brain science in the twenty-first century isn't likely to entirely dispel or explain the mystery of genius or superpowered performance. But whatever the exact proportions of natural talent and hard work, superior performance is ultimately based on the brain's inherent plasticity. This makes for a rule that is both simple and easily applied: Select a field of endeavor that appeals to you and then work with sufficient intensity to bring about major reorganizations in your brain's circuitry."

From: **The New Brain: How the Modern Age is Rewiring your Mind**

Richard Restak, MD. 2003



Our School



Our school is dedicated to helping students to improve their areas of difficulty by improving brain function. In essence, the Arrowsmith Program helps students with learning and attention disabilities to effectively process and understand.

Eaton Arrowsmith School is designed for students that have not been able to realize their potential in traditional learning environments due to specific learning difficulties.

At Eaton Arrowsmith School we conduct a full battery of assessments to determine a student's areas of difficulty and then design a personalized program to help to improve these areas of weakness.



Please visit our website at :
www.eatonarrowsmithschool.com



The purpose of the Eaton Arrowsmith School is to improve educational opportunities for students with learning and attention disabilities. Our staff focuses on building self-confidence by creating an atmosphere of care, hope and possibilities on a daily basis.

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Our Story

Strengthening Learning Capacities for a lifetime

Eaton Arrowsmith School was established by Howard Eaton in 2005 in Vancouver as a co-educational, non-denominational independent day school for elementary and secondary school aged students with learning differences/disabilities. The Eaton Arrowsmith School is modeled after the Arrowsmith School in Toronto that was established in 1980 and has been operating successfully for more than 20 years.



The Arrowsmith Program was established by Barbara Young, the founder of the Arrowsmith School in Toronto. Over the last 25 years she has developed a cognitive remediation program that has provided support for hundreds of children with learning

disabilities. She has provided new insights into learning differences and how best to improve neurodevelopmental functioning in children and young adults.



In December 2004 Howard Eaton flew to Toronto to visit the Arrowsmith School and to meet administration, teachers and students.

As a result of this visit, it was decided that having the school's program in Vancouver, B.C. would be beneficial to the local community.

Thus, the Eaton Arrowsmith School uses the Arrowsmith Program and maintains the high standards of cognitive remediation as established by the Arrowsmith School.

Eaton Arrowsmith School has a maximum enrollment of 100 full time students and in addition a number of students enrolled in the after-school part time program and in the Saturday Motor Symbol-Sequencing program.

The Arrowsmith Program is quite unique as the focus is in not trying to compensate for learning problems but rather to remediate the specific neuro-cognitive problems that result in learning difficulties. Our goal is to transition students back into the regular mainstream environment so they can integrate with their peers.



Frequently Asked questions

What are the ages of the students?

The students in the full-time day program are elementary, high school age and young adults.

What types of students can benefit from the Arrowsmith Program?

Students with specific learning disabilities and attention disorders among those described in the Description of 19 Dysfunctions section of our website at www.eatonarrowsmithschool.com.

How long is the program?

A student with five or more areas of weakness will usually require a three to four year program of full time attendance.

What academic subjects and school credits are available?

Students in the full-time program may have up to ten periods per week of instruction in English and mathematics. Students in grades 10 through 12 can receive other credit courses.

Is the initial assessment a requirement for all incoming students?

Yes. These assessments enable us to identify specific learning dysfunctions and design individual programs for each student.

What types of assessments are used?

The majority of the assessments were designed at Arrowsmith School in Toronto and are used to identify levels of strength and weakness in each of the 19 learning areas that are described in the Description of 19 Dysfunctions section of our website at www.eatonarrowsmithschool.com. We also use a number of standardized achievement assessments to evaluate academic levels.

Can assessments done elsewhere be used in place of the initial assessment?

No. While prior assessments are useful in providing valuable background information, we employ a number of one-to-one assessments that are unique to Eaton Arrowsmith School.

Do you offer part-time programs?

Yes. A part-time program is available after initial assessment. In the part-time program, the student is limited to working on only two areas (8 hours per week) since a minimum of 4 hours per week is required to strengthen each area. The part-time program benefits students with four or fewer problem areas.

We also offer a bi-weekly Motor Symbol Sequencing Program that addresses the Motor Symbol Sequencing dysfunction. The Motor Symbol Sequencing Saturday program does not require assessment.

Solutions-based



At the foundation of the Eaton Arrowsmith School are highly dedicated teaching and administrative staff, who all have the ability to help students learn how to work efficiently and effectively. Our staff has a solutions based approach to treating learning disabilities.

Small Class Sizes



By design the Eaton Arrowsmith School is a small school. We believe that our smaller environment allows our students to focus completely on their school work.

Dedicated to Providing a Wide Array of Recreational Opportunities



At EAS we believe that physical activity is an important part of school life. As we are on campus at UBC we have many world class facilities that we are able to utilize. Studies have shown that the brain is more ready to make changes when the person is physically active. Our school is dedicated to providing a wide array of physical education and recreation opportunities for our students. Our activities range from running clinics, ice hockey, swimming, martial arts, floor hockey, dance and movie and drawing clubs.



Testimonials



Testimonials from parents of Eaton Arrowsmith School Students

*"EAS has given our son his happiness back!
He loves going to school. The friendly teachers
and staff are so encouraging and find ways to
motivate him to work at his best. In addition, our
son has confidence we have never seen before.
Thanks for giving him a reason to work hard
and rewarding him for his efforts!"*

*"I cannot say enough about the assessment at
Eaton Arrowsmith. Unlike the regular education
assessment report which gives us labels, the EAS
results provided us with a clear understanding
of where our son's cognitive weaknesses
were and backed that up with a way of
strengthening those cognitive areas so that he
could eventually integrate back into the regular
school system and perform to his full potential!"*

*"I read a great deal of information about
different schools, but what I liked about the
Arrowsmith program was its individualized
approach to actually 'resolving' learning
disabilities, not simply finding compensating
measures!"*

*"Thank you Eaton Arrowsmith for a wonderful
new beginning for my child!"*

Our Location



Eaton Arrowsmith School

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The Eaton Arrowsmith School is located on the University of British Columbia's campus and offers its students state of the art facilities, technology and instruction. In addition to providing our students with both full and part-time Arrowsmith Programs, we also have a strong belief in health and wellness as an essential piece to a well-rounded student. At EAS we infuse physical education into our curriculum and are able to utilize world class athletic facilities on campus at UBC.

Open Houses



If you would like to have more information on the Arrowsmith Program and its suitability for your son or daughter please feel free to give us a call at 604-264-8327. We would be happy to answer any further questions that you might have about the program.

As we do have a high volume of phone calls with interest in learning more about the program we do offer monthly open houses on campus at the school. Many families have found the open houses to be very helpful in determining the programs suitability for their child. To sign up for an open house simply call reception at 604-264-8327.

For more information

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