

# Bright Start Academy Inc.



**Bright Start Academy  
Inc.**

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**REALIZE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL**

*Schooling for Children and Adolescents with Autism and  
other Learning Exceptionalities*

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## Who We Are

Owner and Principal, Allie Offman opened Bright Start Academy Inc. after her son was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Allie was determined to provide her son and others with ASD, a supportive classroom environment that he and all other children rightfully deserve. Now located at 4630 Dufferin Street, Bright Start Academy Inc. has flourished and grown into a warm, positive and successful school, continuing to enrich the lives of children in the Greater Toronto Area. We support ages 2-18, from ABA Therapy up to High School. Our high school students are able to obtain a high school credit through our **Ministry of Education Approved** Grade 9-12 courses.

## Our Philosophy



At Bright Start Academy, we believe each child carries a special and unique difference that we choose to embrace.

We believe that given the opportunities, there is always a path for children to find their own way to a bright and happy future. It is our mission to provide each child with the fundamental tools and skills it takes to have them realize and

reach their own full potential, to learn through inquiry and to learn towards 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. There is no greater reward, to us, than having a child feel confident and proud of their own abilities. We believe that through positivity, encouragement, guidance and teaching, each and every child we support will feel that they are important, appreciated and respected, and that they are able to take on challenges with confidence. We believe that through collaborative teamwork and striving to accomplish goals, no matter how big or small, we can, and will, make positive differences in each and every child that walks through our doors.

## Our Classrooms

In a world where it may sometimes be difficult to find “just the right fit,” Bright Start Academy Inc. ensures that each and every child feels comfortable and confident in their classroom. Using optimal resources, accommodations, visuals and structured schedules, we provide a routine based environment where children always know what to expect. We promote socializing and positive peer relationships within our classrooms, and encourage our students to be independent while helping their peers.



Bright Start Academy follows the Ontario Curriculum and provides each child with the proper support they need to learn at their highest level of achievement. Through small ratio classrooms, and experienced behavior management staff, we strive for every child to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.

Whether a child is non-verbal or communicates through other forms of communication, our school accommodates many varieties of learning needs. PEC Symbols, Augmentative Communication Devices such as an iPad supporting Proloquo2Go or LAMP and using



receptive methods, are just a few ways of how we teach and communicate with our students in different ways. Bright Start Academy is always open to new strategies from outside teams of professionals, such as Speech Pathologists, Psychologists and Occupational Therapists. We enjoy collaborating and working within a team to best support our

students. A large part of our drive comes from seeing the parents of our students happy and satisfied with their children’s progression. Team meetings and parent meetings are held regularly to keep all parents, teachers and staff informed and consistent with contributing to each child’s success.

## ABA Therapy & 1:1 Support

In 2003, Allie Offman established Finding the Way Learning Center. First opened as a small facility providing children therapy through Applied Behaviour Analysis techniques, Finding the Way is now a portion of our school environment. As we continue to offer one to one hourly support for children using ABA techniques, our goal is to have our ABA students eventually become a part of our classrooms. We focus on our students specific learning targets based off of the ABLLS-R Assessment, and incorporate any necessary behaviour protocols and self-regulation strategies into their programming. We believe each child has what it takes to join a classroom environment. With the right guidance and strategic programming put in place, we strive to have each child transition into our academic classrooms with ease.



During our daily structured academic classrooms, each child attending Bright Start Academy Inc. receives between 15 minutes to one hour of full one on one support to focus on their specific targeted goals. These targets are based from an initial assessment provided on each student upon enrolment. Targets include academic, social and life skills and students are provided support by one of our highly experienced and trained ABA Staff members.

## Social Skills

Bringing out the most appropriate and functional social skills in our students is one of our highest rewards. We provide an hour of Social Skills class every day to our academic students as well as a Saturday Social Skills group once a month.



Social language is the language we use when relating to other people. Some topics taught in our social skills groups include: social judgment, thinking about your behavior, communication skills, understanding emotions, dealing with conflict, group skills, topic maintenance, listening with your entire body, asking questions to peers and interpreting body language. Sessions also include life skills such as cooking, nutrition,

money management, goal setting, problem solving, and decision-making.

Having fun throughout our school days here at Bright Start Academy are very important to us. Apart from monthly field trips, regular school holiday traditions and birthday events, every Friday is Casual Fun Friday at BSA.

Students wear their casual clothes to school, go on an outing to Coppa's



grocery store, cook or bake up a tasty treat, participate in Reading Buddies and Friday Afternoon Show & Tell. Through building appropriate social skills and gaining life-long friendships, we believe there is no better way to learn than to learn through having fun!

## AUSOME ART

**AUSOME ART** is an exciting **new** program supporting Art for Autism in Toronto. Our program allows children and teens to express themselves freely through painting, drawing and being creative while socializing with their peers. Combining **art therapy** techniques with **social skills** training we offer a fun, positive and extremely beneficial



program for individuals with **autism and special needs**. Whether the artist is just learning how to draw shapes, or is able to imitate a landscape masterpiece, we encourage individuals to come have fun and create beautiful works of art, promoting their independence and confidence. Our programs run every **Thursday evening from 4:00pm-6:30pm**. Programs run in 8

week sessions. No need to pack or prepare food as **we provide yummy pizza!**

For more information, visit [www.ourausomeart.com](http://www.ourausomeart.com) or find us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/ourausomeart](http://www.facebook.com/ourausomeart)



*"Golden Series" by Stephanie Metcalfe*

## Pricing Information

### FULL TIME SCHOOL

Our Full Day Tuition is for students attending Bright Start Academy Inc. Mon-Fri from 9:00am-3:15pm.

**Tuition:** \$25,000

**Paid By:** Monthly Rate

**Department:** BSA

### PART TIME SCHOOL

Part Time Students enroll in three days a week from 9:00am to 3:15pm, or five Half Days from either 9:00am-12:00pm or 12:00-3:15pm.

**Tuition:** \$18,000

**Paid By:** Monthly Rate

**Department:** BSA

### ABA SERVICES

Our ABA Services are based on an hourly rate. ABA Services are available Mon-Saturday between 8:00am-5:00pm

**Fee:** \$40.00/hr

**Paid By:** Cheque, Cash, Credit or Debit

**Department:** Finding the Way

### 1:1 ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Academic Students are eligible for additional 1:1 support to focus on specific skill sets during their school day.

**Fee:** \$25.00/hr

**Paid By:** Cheque, Cash, Credit or Debit

**Department:** BSA

### AUSOME ART

Thursday Evenings from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Pizza dinner included for each class. Art Exhibits held every 8 weeks. Register online or visit our main office.

**Fee:** \$60.00 per class

**Paid By:** Cheque, Cash, Credit or Debit

**Department:** AUSOME ART

[www.ourausomeart.com](http://www.ourausomeart.com)

### SOCIAL SKILLS

Our Saturday Social Skills groups run on specific weekends and weeknights. Registration is online or in the main office.

**Price:** \$90.00 per Session

**Paid By:** Cheque, Cash, Credit or Debit

**Department:** Social Skills

# Registration Form

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Unit \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment  Check  VISA  MasterCard

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Program	Student Name		Amount
<b>Subtotal</b>			
<b>Tax</b>			
<b>Shipping</b>			
<b>Total</b>			



### 3 Easy Ways to Register

- 📄 Visit us Online  
[www.brightstartacademy.info](http://www.brightstartacademy.info)
- 📄 Fill out the Registration Form and mail it to us
- 📄 Call us **(416) 514-1415**

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