

# REACH

REALISTIC EDUCATIONAL  
ALTERNATIVES  
FOR CHILDREN  
WITH HANDICAPS

## EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

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### OUR MISSION:

REACH offers an alternate educational program within the continuum of services offered by the Riverside School Board.

REACH promotes the autonomy and development of students with intellectual handicaps or with pervasive developmental challenges. Through our professional staff, parent and community partnerships, REACH enables each student to grow socially, cognitively, physically and emotionally in a safe and caring environment and to take his/her place in our changing world.

### OUR VISION:

We, the staff and students of REACH, believe in a safe and caring community of learners that fosters individual growth and autonomy.

### VALUES AND BELIEFS:

We believe that REACH is a place where students are respected and respect others. We believe in innovative and varied teaching strategies and techniques. We believe in small group and individualized instruction and the use of up to date technology. We believe in life-long learning and fitness, and... we believe in open communication between home and school

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS OFFERED:

- \*Functional Academics
- \*French second language program
- \*Dynamic physical education program
- \*Social Skills Training
- \*Integration into the community
- \*Life Skills Training
- \*TEACCH based (Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication Handicapped CHildren) classes
- \*Work Study and Sheltered Workshop Programs (Studio Kaleidoscope)
- \*Travel Training-to develop the students' autonomy with regard to traveling with independence within the community (walking and/or taking the public transportation).
- \*Yummy Lunch Program- the students learn life skills necessary to plan and prepare a lunch that is sold within our school community.
- \*Music Program
- \*McGill Double Challenge



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## SPECIAL SERVICES OFFERED:

- Occupational Therapy
- Speech, Language and Communication Specialist
- Physiotherapy ( as needed)
- Collaboration with professionals (social- workers, psychiatrists, educators etc.) as necessary on an on-going basis
- Individualized Education Program for each student and evaluation and reporting to parents monthly
- Nurse from CLSC - as necessary

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Low student -staff ratios
- Special Education teacher and technician in every class
- Smart Boards
- Computers in every class
- Door to door bussing
- All-year outdoor sports program
- Exciting fieldtrips and outings
- Many and varied partnerships with the community

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- CSSS- (Centre Local de Service Communautaires))
- CMR (Centre Montérégienne de Réadaptation)
- CRDI (Centre de Réadaptation- Déficience Intellectuelle)
- SRSOR
- Quebec Special Olympics
- McGill University
- Concordia University
- Vanier and Dawson Colleges as well as other CEGEP's
- Défi-Sportif
- ArtsSmarts
- Local Business
- MELS
- Préville Fine Arts Center
- Many precious volunteers
- ....and much, much more!

## HISTORY

- 1968 South Shore Learning Centre was established
- 1971 Moved to Hazel Cross School
- 1973 Moved to Victoria Park School
- 1999 Moved to present location and renamed REACH

## SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Warm family atmosphere
- Studio Kaleidoscope on site (sheltered ceramic workshop)
- Pleasant location in residential Saint Lambert
- Safely secured building and grounds
- Spacious park-like setting
- Close to businesses, library and community centers (arena, pool and sport fields)

