

STUDENT SERVICES

Background

All students, including those with special needs and those challenged by circumstance, are fully participating members of a community of learners. Consistent with current legislation, the District believes that Student Services programs and services are to be provided throughout the K-12 system in the most inclusive setting possible, notwithstanding that in some specific circumstances alternative programs or service models may be requested, as appropriate and/or beneficial to the student.

Toward this end, the District supports the development of specialized services and programs supporting the curricular and behavioural goals of individual students with unique needs, groups of students, and students in general.

Procedures

1. The Director of Instruction, Student Services, shall describe these services and programs in the *Student Services Department Operations Manual*. These services shall be consistent with the Ministry of Education's policies and procedures, except when adapted to local circumstance or when constrained by the limitations of financial and temporal resources.
2. There is to be a continuum of educational services which may include school and District-level programs.
3. Principals administer the educational programs in a school and are required to adhere to the *Student Services Department Operations Manual* or receive prior approval for variance. The Director of Instruction, Student Services is required to provide direction, support, and advice to principals regarding program implementation, evaluation and review.

Reference: Sections 6, 11, 17, 20, 22, 26, 75, 85, 88, 89, 91 School Act
School Regulation 265/89
Individual Education Plan Order M638/95
Special Needs Students Order M150/89
Support Services for Schools Order 149/89
Special Education Services: A Manual of Policy, Procedures and Guidelines

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