Special Education

We're committed to supporting our students in reaching their full potential—academically, socially, and emotionally.

How We Support Students with Special Education Needs?

Individual Education Plans (IEPs):

Personalized learning plans created with input from families and based on professional assessments.

Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs):

Develop and update IEPs

Support students and staff

Help students understand their learning needs and use their accommodations confidently

GLE Classes (Grades 9–12):

- Credit-earning courses that teach valuable learning strategies to help students succeed in high school and beyond.

Supporting transitions:

- Elementary to secondary, grade to grade, school to school, secondary to post-secondary).

The Resource Area:

- Provides a quiet space for students to complete tests and assignments.

Technology and other equipment:

- Facilitate Assistive Technology supports – e.g., laptops, access to Google Read & Write, FM systems, and printing.

Additional special education supports include:

Organization coaching

Explore **study strategies/time management**

Check-ins with SERT (student-directed)

Monitoring of student progress

Assist in providing students with **leadership** and **career exploration**

Help with **course planning**

SERTs **work collaboratively** with school team members to wrap around supports for the student (working with Student Services, Student Success teachers, Administration, ELL, Social Work, CYC, Classroom teachers)

Special Education - Life Skills Program

Life Skills programs that are tailored to meet the individual needs of the students (typically non-credit earning students)

Our programs are based upon the fundamental belief that all students can learn and that every person has value and inherent human dignity.

Within the range of available placement options, we recognize inclusion and integration as the standard wherever possible.

Renovations **were completed several years ago** - new kitchen and laundry facilities, updated bathrooms, flexible student workspaces, Snoezelen Room updates, etc.

Our students **have many in-school coop opportunities:** EPIC Cakes, Hawk's Haven **popcorn sales,** used uniform sales, **etc. Some independent students will complete community coop placements**

Life Skills Program

We offer experiential learning in various contexts, including cooking, transit training, financial literacy, PEERs program, etc.

SERTs facilitate equipment and assistive technology supports – e.g., laptops, talking calculators, trikes, standers, etc.

Best Buddies play an important role in our life skills community, often joining our students in many events during the school day and outside in the community

Support parents and students in their transition planning – community case conferences, Developmental Services Ontario, Project SEARCH, etc.