

## HWDSB Resources to Help Secondary at Risk Students

### General Resources in Grades 9 to 12

- Placed in Essential Programs where the additional skills needed to gain applied credits will be taught
- Student Success teacher in each high school tracks students progress and sets up programs
- Credit recovery programs: re-teach only those parts of the course where the student was not successful, rather than repeating the whole grade; and give recognition of work that was successful.
- Special timetable with credits available through work experience (co-op):
- High Skills Majors offered in several areas including manufacturing, construction, hospitality, and health. (See [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) for more information)
- Pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. Some articulation agreements with Mohawk College. Some link to apprenticeship programs. (OYAP)
- Special programs throughout district : such as Horticulture at Saltfleet, Outward Bound at Waterdown, Hockey skills at Sherwood, Arts focus at Sir John A Macdonald, Technology in Biology and Math at Ancaster, strings at Westdale, athletics at Westmount; self paced learning at Westmount., NYA-WEH at Sir John A Macdonald.( See [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) under Programs of Choice).
- Two vocational schools (only for students reading at grade 6 or below) including special classes for low functioning students
- Remediation classes after school to support students at risk of not passing Grade 10 Literacy EQAO needed for graduation
- eLEARNING available in several subjects
- Special credit course for those students who have failed their Grade 10 literacy test available in most high schools.
- Home- work clubs in some high schools

### Learning Difficulties

- Placed on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and linked to the school' s Learning Resource Teachers (LRTs)
- Itinerant teams for ASD, Augmentative Communication, LD, and Behaviour
- Itinerant teachers for hard of hearing and blind students.
- TWEP, a program to provide work experience to special education students
- Other special education supports as in elementary school.

### Social and Emotional Support

- System school resource meetings : multi-disciplinary consultations to discuss student issues, including behaviour and mental health
- Caring Adult Program: linking students at risk within each school to a caring adult
- One-day workshop for students who have been bereaved through Missing Pieces Bereavement group : partnership with Bereaved Families of Ontario.

- Guidance Counsellors and Public Health Nurses offer some counselling. Some high schools also have full time social workers.
- Restorative Justice and Peer Tutoring available in some High schools
- Some introductory programs for grade 9 students to high school with links to buddies.

## Alternative Programs

### Please talk to your child's Guidance Counsellor about these programs

- Alternative programs in most high schools: such as TRY at Orchard Park, GET at Ancaster.
- Alternative programs for the whole district at **Phoenix** ( grade 9 to 10) and **System Alternative Program** ( grade 10 to 12)
- **NGage** : 16 to 17 year olds who have zero to 15 credits who earn credits to graduate has an on- site print shop.
- **UTurn** for those older students who need only a few credits to graduate
- **Turning Point** re-engages early school leavers through co-op and paid co-op for credit to encourage students to get their graduating diploma.
- **SHAE** at the Native Indian Centre
- **SALEP** for students who have difficulty attending schools
- **Lime Ridge Mall Retail Trade** alternative program
- **Gateway Program** for students suspended for 8 to 20 days, and expelled students offers counselling and credit courses and links to community agencies such as the John Howard Society.
- Section 23 programs are located in community agencies with HWDSB teachers. Access to these programs is through Contact Hamilton.
- Summer School and Night School programs-