



**HAMILTON-  
WENTWORTH**  
DISTRICT  
SCHOOL  
BOARD



**Character  
Builds**

# QUICK GUIDE

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# INTRODUCTION

## Welcome to Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

As parents and guardians, no one cares more about your child's education than you and we believe there is no more powerful force for students than parents who are involved. At HWDSB, we are firmly committed to building strong partnerships with the families of our students and as part of that commitment, we've pulled together an easy resource for parents full of important information on HWDSB. Whether you're looking for tips for reading with your child or trying to find out where to access school cancellation information, we hope that you'll keep the **Quick Guide** to HWDSB handy throughout the year.

With over 50,000 students in over 114 schools, we believe that every one of our students has the ability to reach his or her full potential. With your support, we know that we can do it. Together, we truly are better!

### ● Our Mission

Educating all students to become lifelong learners and contributing citizens in a challenging, changing and multi-cultural world.

### ● Our Vision

A future in which all students can achieve their full potential.

### ● Core Commitments

- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Innovation
- ▶ Accountability

### ● Facts at a Glance

<b>Total number of schools:</b>	<b>114</b>
Elementary	96
Secondary	18
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<b>Total number of students:</b>	<b>50,012</b>
Elementary	32,502
Secondary	17,510
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<b>Total number of staff:</b>	<b>7,453</b>
Academic	6,404
Business and Support	1,049
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Students enrolled in French programs	1,831
Students served through Special Education	7,555
Students enrolled in English as a Second Language	3,683
Students traveling by bus	16,000
Number of new schools opening in 2008	2
Permits for Community Use of Schools	1,424
Average Class Size	Elementary 23    Secondary 22

# Trustees

Trustees are officials elected to serve parents, students, taxpayers and the school system. They are the link between communities and the school Board, ensuring Hamilton public schools meet the diverse needs of students in their respective communities. They make policies, approve the budget, and appoint the Director.

Full Board meetings and Committee meetings are held Monday nights (except July and August) at 6:30 pm at the Education Centre, 100 Main Street West, Hamilton.

For more information on your school’s Trustee, a complete description on the role of the Trustee, and scheduled Board meetings, please visit [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca).

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# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

## ● Parents as Partners

Studies show that children with parents who are actively involved in their education perform much better in school. If parents are involved, it shows children that they value education. Children will also model their parents' volunteerism, which will teach children the importance of contributing to their community.

## ● How can you get involved?

Involvement in your child's education can mean any of the following:

- ▶ Volunteer to help with special events or field trips at your child's school
- ▶ Volunteer on your School Council or Home & School Association
- ▶ Volunteer on Board Committees or the Parental Involvement Committee
- ▶ Help your child with their homework
- ▶ Help your child with social issues such as bullying
- ▶ Contact your Trustee
- ▶ Donate to the HWDSB Foundation or other Board Programs

Or, it can be as simple as asking your child, "How was school today?" But ask every day. That sends your child the clear message that their schoolwork is important to you and you expect them to learn more.

## ● Parental Involvement Committee

The newly formed Parental Involvement Committee (PIC) provides a direct link to senior management and Trustees by providing advice as well as supporting parent engagement. The group is committed to ongoing communication with our parents and community. Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. Recruitment for PIC is conducted annually beginning in March.

For more information contact [pic@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:pic@hwdsb.on.ca).

## ● Home & School Associations

Home & School (H&S) is an independent, parent-driven organization committed to supporting public education and promoting the welfare of children and youth. H&S, which has been operating in Hamilton since 1928, strives to give parents an understanding of schools and the education system, and to be informed, constructive partners with educators.

For more information or to contact H&S please visit [www.ofhsa.on.ca](http://www.ofhsa.on.ca).

## ● School Councils

School Councils have a legislated role at their schools and are there to ensure the best possible education for students. They are comprised of democratically elected representatives of the school's parent community.

To find out more information on how to get involved in your child's education, visit the Parents section of our Web site at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca).

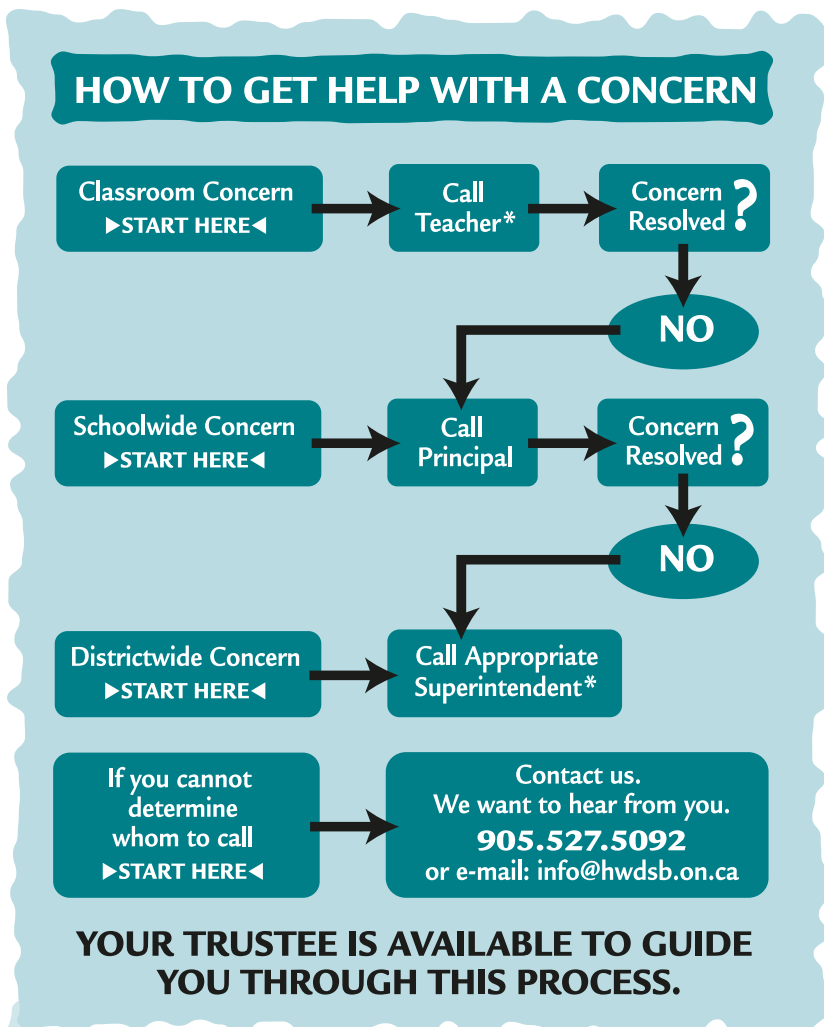
## ● How do you find out what your child is learning?

The expectations for each grade are available at your child’s school or on the Ministry of Education’s Web site at [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum).

Attend Meet the Teacher nights, Curriculum nights, Family Literacy or Numeracy events, Open Houses or other special programs and events organized by the school to enhance parent participation; observe and ask questions.

Your child’s report card provides a summary of information the teacher has on your child’s progress in meeting the expectation of the curriculum. You can ask for more details.

## ● Who do I contact when my child is having a problem?



\* Every secondary school has a designated Student Success teacher dedicated to supporting students who may be experiencing difficulty. Call your school’s Guidance Department for more information.

\* Contact information for the Director and Superintendents can be found on pages 25-26.

# EARLY LEARNING

## ● Early Learning

Early childhood education is the first stage of lifelong learning, shaping the individual's course as a learner over the life cycle. Evidence shows that children who take part in high quality education programs will learn better in school. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board has a number of programs and partnerships to help our youngest students reach their full potential.

## ● Child Care at HWDSB

High quality accessible childcare is offered in over 60 schools throughout HWDSB by a number of community partners. All programs are licensed by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. A subsidy agreement with the City of Hamilton provides fee assistance to families who qualify.

A key partner of HWDSB since 1988, Umbrella Family and Child Centres of Hamilton provides seamless childcare for children from age three to 12 in 24 HWDSB schools. Please contact the Umbrella Centre directly for more information on space availability and registration fees.

Umbrella Family and Child Centres of Hamilton 905-312-9836

**HWDSB also partners with the following non-profit childcare agencies:**

Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club 905-544-6630

Today's Family 905-574-9344

Waterdown District Children's Centre 905-689-5342

YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington 905-529-7102

YWCA Hamilton 905-522-9922

Programs are available for toddlers, preschoolers, and before and after school care for school-age children. Please contact the child care centre directly for more information on space availability, fees, registration and information.

**If you think there is a need for child care in your school, please contact your Principal, or the Early Child Care Liaison at 905-527-5092 ext. 2234.**

## ● Parenting and Family Literacy Centres

Now parents can receive additional support to help improve children's early literacy and numeracy skills through six Parenting and Family Literacy Centres located at Benetto, Gibson, Lake Avenue, Memorial, Stinson and Westwood. The centres will help prepare young children for school and ease the transition to kindergarten.

Contact each school directly for more information on hours of operation and program details.

Benetto 905-512-3168

Gibson (Opening September 2008)

Lake Avenue 905-512-3998

Memorial (City) 905-512-4925

Stinson 905-512-4462

Westwood (Opening September 2008)

**For more information, call 905-527-5092 ext. 2311.**

## ● Best Start

Hamilton's children deserve the best start in life and the chance to achieve their very best in school. Best Start supports families by offering a broad range of services for children 0-6 years of age that will ensure children receive the best possible opportunities early in their lives. There are Best Start programs in 10 of our schools across Hamilton with hubs operating at both Hillcrest and Elizabeth Bagshaw.

We're proud to collaborate with our community partners to ensure Hamilton is the best place to raise a child.

## ● Roots of Empathy

Established in 1996, Roots of Empathy (ROE) is an award-winning, evidence-based classroom program that has shown dramatic effect in reducing levels of aggression and violence among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy.

Through year-long classroom visits with a certified ROE Instructor and ROE parent and baby, the program helps children to learn about a baby's needs and development and lets children see a loving relationship grow between parent and baby.

The program is offered in 65 classrooms in 55 schools across HWDSB.

## ● Ontario Early Years Centres

Ontario Early Years Centres provide a place for young children and their parents and caregivers to play and learn together. There are five main locations and over 30 neighbourhood sites. All programs are free. To find out more information about the programs and services, please call the Hamilton Early Years Information line at 905-524-4884 or online at [www.gov.on.ca/children/oeec](http://www.gov.on.ca/children/oeec).

## ● Hamilton Public Library

Reading together is one of the most important gifts you can give your children. Children start learning at home, and parents are their child's first and best teacher.

Promote reading readiness and introduce your baby, toddler or preschooler to the magic and wonder of books.

Children are never too young to have a library card of their own and it is free!

For more information call 905-546-3200 or go to [www.hpl.ca](http://www.hpl.ca).



For more information on Early Learning programs at HWDSB go to [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca)

# ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS

## ● Learning and growing in the “*kinder-garden*”

The word kindergarten comes from German and literally means “children’s garden.” It’s a place where your child will grow and learn. Here are some of the things you can expect from your child’s kindergarten class.

### The Learning Environment

Your child will learn:

- ▶ Personal and Social Development – use problem solving skills
- ▶ Language – use reading and writing strategies that are appropriate for beginners
- ▶ Mathematics – investigate counting, quantity and number relationships
- ▶ Science and Technology – explore and experiment
- ▶ Health and Physical Activity – make healthy and safe choices
- ▶ The Arts – communicate their ideas and responses to a variety of art forms

For more information on kindergarten programs across HWDSB, please refer to our Web site at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca).

*This information is extracted from ‘The Kindergarten Program 2006’ and is available on the Ministry of Education Web site at [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca).*

## ● Looking for more resources to help your child?

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is working in partnership with community agencies to provide free after school academic support for students in Kindergarten to grade 6. These programs are designed to assist with homework completion. Programs will take place after school, evenings and on Saturdays in various locations across Hamilton. For more information contact 905-527-5092 ext. 2234.

Check out abc123. This Ministry of Education site includes easy to read tips to support your child’s school lessons. Find it at [www.ontario.ca/abc123](http://www.ontario.ca/abc123).

Homework Hotline (grades 4-6) for after school math support. Teachers are on call to provide extra help. Call 905-979-0493 or 905-979-0472.

## ● French Immersion – It could be for your child!

French Immersion is a proven way of acquiring excellent language skills in French and is available at designated schools across the Board. The program is specifically designed for parents who do not speak French, but want their children to speak both official languages. Beginning in Senior Kindergarten (SK), all SK students in Hamilton are eligible. Information nights will be held early in 2009 for interested parents.

For more information on French Immersion locations and catchment areas, go to [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) or call the Program Effectiveness Consultant at 905-304-8722 ext. 272.

Educators agree that literacy skills develop and improve as a result of a wide range of activities. For example, a child's literacy skills are enhanced when parents who do not speak one of Canada's official languages read to their children in their native language. Children will benefit from this reading experience.

### ● Reading Tips

- ▶ Have your child read aloud to you every night.
- ▶ Choose a quiet place, free from distractions, for your child to do his nightly reading assignments.
- ▶ Tap into interests and hobbies. Kids are more likely to read about what they find interesting like sports or crafts. Don't worry if it's a comic book, magazine or illustrated novel, just remember all reading is good and tastes will change as they get older.
- ▶ To check your child understands what he is reading, occasionally pause and ask questions about the characters and events.
- ▶ Before reaching the end of a story, ask your child what she thinks will happen next and why.

[www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/brochure/earlyreading/index.html#tips](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/brochure/earlyreading/index.html#tips)  
[www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/homework/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/homework/index.html)

### ● Music to their Ears

The itinerant string program offers class instruction in violin, viola, cello and bass to over 500 students in grades 4 to 8 in 35 elementary schools. Every week, students receive one class lesson in school, which can be held during regular school hours, lunch, before or after school. Registration forms are available in all elementary school offices.

### ● Homework Tips for Parents

- ▶ Set a consistent time when homework will be done each night.
- ▶ Provide a suitable environment for completing homework.
- ▶ Be available to help your child with homework.
- ▶ Read together with younger children.
- ▶ Help your child learn organizational skills.
- ▶ Ensure that your child has the required materials to complete homework.
- ▶ Encourage your children to help you with reading and writing activities (recipes, newspapers, shopping lists, letters, thank-you notes, etc.).
- ▶ Encourage your children to ask the teacher for help if they find the work difficult or confusing.
- ▶ Monitor homework assignments and check that homework is completed.
- ▶ Praise and encourage your child.

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Detailed information on your child's school is available under the School Profile section at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca)

# SECONDARY PROGRAMS

## ● **Unlock Your Future**

To help ‘unlock’ your child’s future, HWDSB has provided a pathway planner to help students and parents chart a program pathway through high school.

The **Unlock Your Future** campaign is aimed at helping stakeholders understand the variety of options available to high school students.

Students can choose pathways that lead to one of four destinations – apprenticeship, college, university or workplace – and are encouraged to follow these four steps:

### ● **Know yourself**

Explore your strengths and interests.

### ● **Explore opportunities**

See what is out there. Explore what career opportunities and course electives might be best suited based upon your strengths, interests and abilities.

### ● **Build pathways**

Work with a caring adult, parent, teacher or guidance counselor to figure out what is the best way to your destination and what pathway will help you to be successful.

### ● **Get experience**

Sometime during your high school career, get work experience. There are many ways to do this such as job shadowing, job twinning, work experience or cooperative education courses that can be part of any secondary course. Cooperative education can also be counted as compulsory credits for students. Find out about Experiential Learning. Gain valuable hands on work experience, while earning credits in areas such as our residential house building or military co-op programs. For more information, contact your guidance counsellor.

### **It’s the perfect formula for student success.**

If you want more information on **Unlock Your Future**, please visit [www.future1234.ca](http://www.future1234.ca).

## ● **Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)**

It’s the latest thing to help make informed career decisions while earning credits toward graduation. The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) enables students to customize their high school experience to suit their interests and talents, and prepare for a successful post secondary transition to apprenticeship training, college, university, or employment. These value-added programs allow opportunities for students to earn credits aligned with a specified economic sector, earn sector-recognized certification and skills valued by employers and postsecondary educators, engage in experiential learning in the related employment sector, and earn a SHSM designation on their secondary school diploma.

This fall, HWDSB will offer provincially-approved SHSM programs across the following economic sectors:

- ▶ Arts & Culture (offered through Westdale)
- ▶ Construction (offered through Saltfleet and Westdale)
- ▶ Health & Wellness (offered through Delta, Sherwood, Sir Allan MacNab, and Sir Winston Churchill)
- ▶ Horticulture & Landscaping (offered through Saltfleet)
- ▶ Hospitality & Tourism (offered through Parkview)
- ▶ Manufacturing (offered through Barton)

For more information on how to participate in these exciting opportunities, contact Student Success at 905-527-5092 ext. 2385, Student Services or the Student Success lead teacher at your school.

## Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) is a School to Work program that opens the door for students to explore and work in apprenticeship occupations starting in grade 11 or grade 12 through the Cooperative Education program.

Students have the opportunity to become registered apprentices and work towards becoming certified journeypersons in a skilled trade while completing their secondary school diplomas.

If you want to know more about OYAP, visit [www.oyaphwdsb.com](http://www.oyaphwdsb.com).

## Alternative Education

Many schools now offer their own Alternative Education programs to help meet the needs of students who are having difficulty achieving credits in the regular program. Entry into programs is done in consultation with parents, the student, Student Services and Administration. For more information contact your local secondary school.

## Ministry Requirements

**18 compulsory credits\***

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English								
3	credits in mathematics								
2	credits in science								
1	credit in Canadian history								
1	credit in Canadian geography								
1	credit in the arts								
1	credit in health and physical education								
1	credit in French as a second language								
0.5	credit in career studies								
0.5	credit in civics								

\* Substitutions may be available for compulsory credits. Talk to your guidance counsellor  
 \*\* Please note: a maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education may count as compulsory credits

**Including one credit from each of the following groups:**

<b>NEW</b>	1	additional credit in English, or a third language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, <b>or guidance and career education, or cooperative education**</b>	
	1	additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, <b>or cooperative education*</b>	
	1	additional credit in science, or technological education, <b>or cooperative education*</b>	

**In addition to the compulsory credits, the students must complete:**

12	optional credits								
40	hours of community volunteer experience								
	Ontario Literacy Requirement OSSLT or OSSLC								

Connect with your local school's Student Success teacher to find out what programs and supports are available.



# SAFE SCHOOLS

We know that keeping kids safe is our primary concern, that's why HWDSB provides a number of supports to promote safety at school. With the support and guidance of parents, we can work together to ensure that students are learning in a safe, caring and orderly environment.

## ● **School Code of Conduct**

Each school will be reviewing their Code of Conduct this year to align with HWDSB and Provincial Codes of Conduct for Schools. This code outlines expectations for students, staff and parents regarding behaviours in schools. While students review the expectations at school, the information is also available to parents from their child's school or included in the student agenda. Please contact the school office for a copy of your school's Code of Conduct.

## ● **Bullying**

The Ministry of Education has directed school boards to develop a Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy. As with all HWDSB policies related to Safe Schools, the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy can be found on the Web site at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca). The list of behaviours that could lead to suspension now includes bullying.

## ● **What is Bullying?**

Bullying is different from childhood conflict. Perhaps the most important distinctions have to do with duration, power and intent to harm (*Pepler and Craig, 2001*).

Bullying, unlike isolated conflicts between individuals, occurs when one individual or a group targets another individual repeatedly over time, using physical, verbal, or psychological aggression to dominate the victim. The repeated incidents create and enforce an imbalance of power between bully and victim.

If your child is being bullied, report it to the teacher and/or the Principal immediately.

## ● **Prevention**

All HWDSB schools offer programs that develop the appropriate social skills to assist in the prevention of bullying and to help with conflict resolution. Parents can help support their children by reinforcing the HWDSB *Character Builds* attributes.

## ● **Policies**

The Board has a number of policies promoting students and staff safety at school. These policies include Code of Conduct, Bullying Prevention and Intervention, Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour, Suspension and Expulsion. Copies of these policies can be found at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca).

## ● Helpful Tips for Parents

Bullying is one of the most frequently cited concerns parents raise about safety at school. There are a number of tips available on our Web site to help parents from how to know if your child is being bullied to what to do if your child is bullying other students. To find out more visit the Parent section and select Safe Schools.

## ● Online Safety Tips

There are increasing incidents of cyber-bullying on the Internet, which is often used to socially isolate others or to say nasty, untrue things about them. Internet safety is a growing concern, so here are some tips to consider for guiding your child online:

- ▶ It's a good idea to foster open and positive communication with your children. Talk with them about computers and stay open to their questions and curiosity.
- ▶ Set clear rules for Internet use.
- ▶ Insist that your children not share personal information such as their real name, address, phone number, or passwords with people they meet online.
- ▶ If a site encourages kids to submit their names to personalize the Web content, help your kids create online nicknames that give away no personal information.
- ▶ Keep Internet-connected computers in an open area where you can easily supervise your kids' activities.
- ▶ Investigate Internet-filtering tools as a complement to parental supervision.
- ▶ Encourage your children to tell you if something or someone online makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened. Stay calm and remind your kids they are not in trouble for bringing something to your attention. Praise their behavior and encourage them to come to you again if the same thing happens.

For more information on keeping your children safe online, visit [www.microsoft.com/protect/family](http://www.microsoft.com/protect/family)



Visit our Web site at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) and click on our Parents section for information on Safe & Caring Schools.

# THE ASSESSMENT CENTRE

*The Assessment Centre* provides services to newcomers and their families, adolescent and adult learners in a warm and welcoming environment!

## **The Assessment Centre Services**

- ▶ English as a Second Language Assessment for Elementary and Secondary Students
- ▶ Academic Credit Assessment for Mature Students
- ▶ Information and program registration into Community and Continuing Education programs
- ▶ Processing student transcript requests for former students of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
- ▶ Processing fees and applications for the following programs: VISA Students, Foreign Exchange Programs and Fee Paying Students from outside Ontario

## **The Assessment Centre administers and tracks the following programs:**

- ▶ VISA Student applications, which include:
  - Answering all inquiries relating to this program
  - Processing requests
  - Reviewing documents
  - Collecting fees
  - Issuing letters
  - Scheduling assessments (ESL)
  - Tracking VISA expiration dates
  - Student Exchange Programs
  - Fee Paying Students from outside Ontario

## **English as a Second Language Assessment Grades 1-12**

The purpose of this initial assessment is to:

- ▶ Assess students to identify academic skills and literacy proficiency in Mathematics and English
- ▶ Identify the appropriate level of language and literacy acquisition
- ▶ Assist with access to translator/interpreter services to determine pathways to accreditation
- ▶ Inform teachers of program accommodations or modifications and recommend instructional interventions
- ▶ Provide information on programs available within the Board and community

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## Elementary School Students

Students register in their home school. The school will make an appointment for an ESL assessment at *The Assessment Centre*.

## Secondary School Students

Students are required to go to the Secondary School in their area. The school will make an appointment for an ESL assessment at *The Assessment Centre*. Following the assessment, an appropriate school is recommended and an appointment is made for the student to register at that school.

## Community and Continuing Education

- ▶ Register for a Credit Assessment to learn how many credits are needed to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- ▶ Receive information regarding programs available to assist mature students with the completion of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, including Independent Study, Adult Day School, Night School and Summer School.
- ▶ Independent Studies Registration can be done on-site at *The Assessment Centre*.
- ▶ Obtain information on other Community and Continuing Education Programs including English as a Second Language, LINC classes for adults and computer training programs.

## Student Transcripts

To request a copy of a Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board transcript:

- ▶ Make the request in person at *The Assessment Centre*.
- ▶ Contact our Student Records Department at 905-521-2523 to find out what information is required by mail.
- ▶ Visit our Web site: [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) and search: Student Records.

## Equity Department

- ▶ English as a Second Language Programs – Grades 1-12
- ▶ System Itinerant ESL/ELD Teachers
- ▶ ESL Language Assessment Grades 1-12
- ▶ Native as a Second Language Programs
- ▶ International Programs (VISA, Exchange)
- ▶ Immigration
- ▶ Equity Policy
- ▶ Student Records
- ▶ Credit Assessment for Continuing Education
- ▶ Registration for Independent Studies

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*The  
Assessment  
Centre*

905-521-2554

# PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

At HWDSB, we know that each student is unique in his or her learning, and we work to ensure our programs help our students reach their full potential. In addition to the programming offered at neighbourhood schools, a number of alternative programs focussing on sports, science, arts and languages have been developed.

Programs of Choice are unique, innovative learning programs designed to engage students who have differing educational interests. While these programs complement courses/subjects consistent with the Ontario Curriculum, they offer specialized learning opportunities that develop skills with greater depth and intensity. At HWDSB we are pleased to recognize and support the following Programs of Choice and anticipate substantial growth in this area based on community, student and staff needs.



## Programs of Choice

### **SAGE**

Built around family participation and community building, teachers and families work in cooperation, using innovative teaching methods to deliver the Ontario Curriculum in an interactive, child-centred manner that emphasizes global education, arts, and recreation.

### **SAGE Quest**

Designed for the middle school years, Sage Quest recognizes the academic, emotional and social needs of this age group. The goal is to develop independent learners and critical thinkers through a strong arts and science base.

### **Hockey Canada Skills Academy**

The Hockey Canada Skills Academy is a course developed by Hockey Canada in conjunction with International coaches, Bjorn Kindling and Dave King, which allows students of all abilities to practice and develop their hockey skills throughout the semester.

### **Sports Academy**

Available at both the middle school and high school level, The Sports Academy provides a supportive learning environment and flexible timetabling to allow students enrolled in the program the opportunity to significantly advance their athletic skills while achieving a high level of academic success. Students may also apply to focus on basketball.

### **International Baccalaureate**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme is a challenging two-year curriculum, primarily aimed at students aged 16 to 19. It leads to a qualification that is widely recognized by the world's leading universities. Students graduate with both the OSSD as well as the International Diploma.

For more information on any of these programs, please call 905-527-5092 ext. 2626 or visit [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca).

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## Coming Soon ...

Coming Soon

Programs of Choice is expanding and a number of programs currently running in schools across the district will soon be recognized under Programs of Choice.

### **Fitness and Wellness**

These programs utilize a holistic approach to promoting and monitoring health and wellness through the regular use of technology and innovative programming.

### **English Language Transition Program in Mandarin**

This innovative pilot program provides students at the Kindergarten level with opportunities to use their proficiency in Mandarin, while developing their literacy and numeracy skills in English.

### **Outbound**

Challenges students to develop and apply skills in a variety of outdoor pursuits while nurturing team building and an appreciation for the outdoors.

### **Visual Arts**

A comprehensive learning experience designed and delivered by accomplished artists, this program is for those students who want to explore various aspects of the visual arts such as painting, sculpture, photography, graphic design and animation.

### **Opera**

This program is designed to develop an appreciation of opera, where elementary students nurture vocal music and acting skills and at the same time increase their awareness of the historic significance of the opera being studied. The culmination of their efforts is a school-wide, community supported performance.

### **Single Gender Classes**

The option of single gender classes is available to students at HWDSB. All classes follow the Ontario Curriculum – only in a single gender setting. Research suggests that learning in a single gender setting is advantageous for many students and enables students to better reach their full potential. Studies have shown students are able to break free of gender stereotypes and single gender classes allow teachers to accommodate boys' and girls' different learning styles.

### **Biotechnology**

Open to students across HWDSB, the course offers a new and creative way for students to study chemistry and biology as well as some of the societal issues within the disciplines. Students investigate topics such as DNA fingerprinting and genetically modified foods.

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For more information on any of these programs, please call 905-527-5092 ext. 2626 or visit [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca).

# CHARACTER BUILDS

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically... intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*Character Builds* is HWDSB’s character development initiative that helps every student strengthen their character, become caring and contributing citizens, and reach their full potential. There are 10 attributes associated with *Character Builds* and they are acceptance, caring, citizenship, courage, empathy, honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, and trustworthiness.

**HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Character Builds**

# Character Builds

*Imagine what we could build together!*

- Acceptance**  
We interact with others without bias, prejudice or discrimination. We stand up for human rights.
- Caring**  
We demonstrate a genuine willingness to reach out and help, support and protect others.
- Citizenship**  
We have rights and privileges to be responsible and active members in our community.
- Courage**  
We have strength to take on challenges to do the right thing even when it may be unpopular.
- Empathy**  
We understand issues from the perspective of others even though we may not agree with them personally.
- Honesty**  
We are sincere, trustworthy and truthful.
- Integrity**  
We are truthful and sincere. What we say matches what we do.
- Respect**  
We treat others and ourselves with courtesy, dignity and positive regard. We honour the rights of others and ourselves. We respect belongings, the environment and the world around us.
- Responsibility**  
We can be trusted and follow through on all our commitments. We are accountable for all we say and do.
- Trustworthiness**  
We are reliable, honest and can be depended upon in any situation, under any circumstances.

[www.characterbuildshamilton.ca](http://www.characterbuildshamilton.ca)

A focus on character development includes student engagement and supporting youth empowerment, which includes building a student’s capacity to learn and grow while contributing to a positive school climate and a stronger community.

For more information on *Character Builds* and how to get involved, please visit [www.characterbuildshamilton.ca](http://www.characterbuildshamilton.ca) or call 905-527-5092 ext. 2673.

Want to know more about *Character Builds*? Visit [www.characterbuildshamilton.ca](http://www.characterbuildshamilton.ca)

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# BOARD POLICIES

Board policies deal with virtually all areas of school and board life. Policies help everyone in the school community understand expectations and rights. A policy is a statement or position adopted by the Board of Trustees that provides the framework for a course of action. It is a commitment by which the Board is held accountable to its public.

Parents often want to know how a school is prepared to handle a situation and how it will affect their child. The Board currently has the following approved policies:

Accessibility (Barrier-free) Pathways	Partnership
Accommodation of Personnel	Pediculosis (Lice)
Administration of Oral Prescription Medication	Performance Appraisal
Alcoholic Beverages on Board Premises	Preemployment Screening
Anaphylaxis Policy	Procurement
Appropriate Dress	Programs of Choice
Arrival Check	Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour
Blood Borne Pathogens Policy	Public Consultation
Bullying Prevention and Intervention	Safe Schools
Code of Conduct	School Closure
Diversity and Equity	School Councils
Early Identification Process	School Library Information Centre
Employee Expense	Selection of Learning Resources
Employee Support Program	Special Class Admission & Demission Criteria
Environment	Special Class/Program Locations
Equity	Staff Development
Expulsion of Students	Staff Retirement Recognition
Faith Club and Prayer Activity	Student Trip Policy
French Immersion	Suspension of Students
Harassment	Transportation
Information Technology	Volunteer Participation in Board Activities
Naming of Schools	
Occupational Health and Safety	

## We want to hear from you!

HWDSB is committed to being a consultative organization that values community views and encourages dialogue as an important part of our mandate. Community consultation is a vital step when developing our policies. From time to time the community is asked to submit feedback on draft policies. Check the Web site throughout the year to provide input on various draft HWDSB policies.

To view any of these policies, visit the About Us section at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) and select Policies and Procedures.

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

## ● Special Education

HWDSB is committed to providing comprehensive and effective programming choices for students who have special education needs. A wide range of programming options and supports are offered such as Learning Resource Teachers at every school, Educational Assistants, Special Assignment Teachers and Special Education Consultants.

For those students who may require additional supports, the Board's Guide to Special Education provides detailed information about the Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) and sets out the procedures involved in identifying a pupil as 'exceptional'.

Once a child has been identified as exceptional an Individual Education Plan (IEP) must be completed within thirty (30) days after the child has been placed in the program. An IEP may also be developed for students not identified as exceptional but who are receiving a special education program and/or services. The IEP will include the following:

- ▶ Specific learning expectations for the child
- ▶ An outline of the special education program and services that will be used
- ▶ A statement about the methods by which the child's progress will be reviewed
- ▶ For students 14 years and older (except those identified as exceptional solely on the basis of giftedness), a plan for transition to appropriate post secondary school activities, such as work, post-secondary education, and/or community living.

Parents can find detailed information about special education programming under the Programs section at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca). The *Guide to Special Education* is also available in Braille, large print or audio cassette.

HWDSB has a wide-range of special education services to help students reach their full potential which include the following resources:

- ▶ Principal of Special Education Services
- ▶ Psycho-educational Consultants
- ▶ Social Workers
- ▶ Special Class Teachers
- ▶ Speech and Language Pathologists

## ● Special Education Advisory Committee

The Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) makes recommendations to the Board regarding matters related to the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs and services. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month (except July and August) at the Education Centre.

For more information on Special Education Services available in your school, contact your school's Principal.

# PARTNERSHIPS

It takes a village to raise a child and at HWDSB, we know that we can't do it alone. That's why the Office of Innovation and Partnership serves as a link between the community and schools to create conditions so that all students can achieve their full potential.

## The Office of Innovation and Partnership works in four main areas:

- Support the Board in implementing its Strategic and Operational Plans, Core Commitments, Mission and Vision.
- Identify and establish public and private partnerships to enhance learning opportunities for students.
- Bring resources to the Board not covered by operational budgets, including cash and in-kind gifts.
- Expose students to positive citizenship by building partnerships with local businesses and community.

## Partnership Model

HWDSB has numerous partnerships and relationships with local organizations that allow for extended services for students. The NYA WEH program is just one example of a partnership that is making a difference in the lives of our students. The NYA WEH program endeavours to provide a support system based on Aboriginal culture and academia that allows Aboriginal students to flourish within Hamilton's secondary school environment.

NYA WEH cultivates the relationship between the culture of First Nations people and mainstream education. Both forms of education are integral to the progress of Aboriginal youth and are viewed as necessary assets in building healthy individuals, communities and nations.

## Our Partners

We're proud to Partner with some of the following organizations:

Aboriginal Health Centre  
Affiliated Services for  
Children & Youth  
Affordable Housing Flagship  
Arts Hamilton  
Attridge Transportation  
Banyan  
Bereaved Families of Ontario  
Best Start Network  
Breakfast for Learning  
Cara Operations Ltd.  
Caledonia Transportation  
Canadian Welding Association  
CATCH  
Circle of Friends  
City of Hamilton  
Community Outreach  
Dofasco  
Disability Rights for the City  
Dream Centre  
Earth Day Hamilton  
Firefighters Association  
Hamilton Community Foundation

Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys and  
Girls Club  
Hamilton Health Sciences  
Hamilton Police Services  
Hamilton Public Library  
Hamilton Regional Friendship Centre  
Hamilton Roundtable for  
Poverty Reduction  
Hamilton-Wentworth Council of  
Home & School Associations  
Industry Education Council  
John Howard Society  
KidsFest Canada  
Laidlaw Transit Limited  
McMaster University  
Ministry of Community &  
Social Services  
Mohawk College  
Neighbour to Neighbour  
Niwasa Head Start  
Offord Centre for  
Child Studies  
Partners in Nutrition

Robert Land Community  
Association  
School Age Solutions  
Sharp Bus Lines  
Siemen's Power Generation  
SISO Hamilton  
Soccerworld  
Social Planning & Research  
Council Hamilton (SPRC)  
Teachers Credit Union  
The Hamilton Bulldogs  
The Hamilton Spectator  
The Hamilton Tiger-Cats  
Today's Family  
Umbrella Family & Child Care  
Centre of Hamilton  
Wesley Urban Ministries  
YMCA  
YWCA

For more information,  
contact the Innovation &  
Partnership Office at  
905-527-5092 ext. 2661

# CANCELLATIONS

## ● Cancellation of School

While the Board makes every effort to ensure schools remain open, there are times when severe weather conditions, prolonged hydro interruption, loss of water or an emergency can force schools to close.

At HWDSB, we know how important it is for you to know as soon as possible if schools are cancelled. We work with our local media partners to get the information out quickly as well as posting it on our Web site and to our new School Cancellation Hotline.

Please remember, it is important that your school Principal has the most up-to-date information on where to send your child in the event school is cancelled. Also, as a parent/guardian, you always have the choice on whether or not to send your child to school.

For more detailed information regarding the Cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operations, go to [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca).

### School Cancellation information can be found at these local media outlets:

KLITE FM	102.9 FM
CJXY-Y108 FM	107.8 FM
CHAM	820 AM
CHML	900 AM
Oldies 1150	1150 AM
WAVE 94.7	94.7 FM
CKPC Brantford	1380 AM or 92.1 FM

CHCH TV Hamilton - Channel 12

School Cancellation HOTLINE  
905-521-2535 or 905-527-5092

Call the School  
Cancellation Hotline at  
905-521-2535

# TRANSPORTATION

Every school day, the Board transports over 16,000 students at an average of 28,000 kilometres. Getting students safely to and from school is extremely important to us, that's why our Transportation Department ensures students are taught transportation safety through programs such as the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) School Safety Patroller Program – a three-way partnership among the CAA, Hamilton Police Services and the Board. There are also programs geared to primary students like the Safe Rider Program starring Buster the Bus and School Bus Jeopardy for students in grades 4 to 8.

## Guidelines for Students

Clear and consistent expectations have been developed for parents, students, vehicle drivers and staff members and are outlined under the Procedures for Transporting Students to and from School, which is available on our Web site. The following guidelines have been extracted from the parent section:

- ▶ Talk to your child about the Student Code of Conduct on School-Related Vehicles.
- ▶ Have your child at the vehicle pick up point 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
- ▶ Talk to your child about the Danger Zone around the vehicle. The “10 Step” rule is a good measurement to identify the Danger Zone around a school bus, particularly when crossing in front of the bus. If students drop something in or near the Danger Zone, they are not to pick it up; they are to tell the driver or another adult.
- ▶ Ensure that your child's school has accurate and current contact information, including emergency contact names and telephone numbers.

## School-Related Vehicle Safety

Students are expected to follow a code of conduct when riding on school-related vehicles. Parents are encouraged to review The Student Code of Conduct on School-Related Vehicles with their child. Students, for example, are expected to:

- ▶ Obey the instructions and rules of the driver.
- ▶ Show respect for the rights of others and for property.
- ▶ Never cross or play behind a vehicle.
- ▶ Stand well away from the edge of the road until the vehicle stops.
- ▶ When getting on and off a school bus, hold the handrail.
- ▶ Keep the aisle on the bus clear at all times.
- ▶ Keep your arms and head inside the vehicle.
- ▶ Don't throw anything out the window.

## Bussing Eligibility

To find out if your child could be eligible for transportation, visit the distance calculator on our Web site located under Transportation.

For more information, contact the Transportation Department at 905-304-4540 or visit <http://ap.hwdsb.on.ca/transportation>

# ATHLETICS

● Sports are an important part of school life at HWDSB. Opportunities are available at the elementary and secondary level for students to get involved in a number of sports both at the intramural level as well as competing across the district.

For over 75 years, elementary and middle school students have had an opportunity to compete in city-wide athletic events. Last year, nearly 10,000 junior elementary students from 85 schools competed in swim meets, cross country and track & field events. At the senior elementary level, 12,000 students enjoyed Board-wide competition in 3-pitch, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, track and swimming. While schools compete against each other, the emphasis is on teaching our students fair play and good sportsmanship.

At the secondary level, the Hamilton-Wentworth Interscholastic Athletic Council provides competitive secondary school interscholastic sports opportunities for more than 6,000 student athletes. Students have the chance to participate locally and to advance on to regional and provincial competition. Many of the mainstream sports activities are offered to students, including football, basketball, volleyball and hockey as well as a number of sports that are new to high school and unique to Hamilton. Most notable is water polo, a sport that dates back in Hamilton high schools to 1934. Last year, 21 girls' teams and 18 boys' teams participated in water polo, more than any Board in the province.



While coordinating interschool competition is the primary role of the Hamilton-Wentworth Interscholastic Athletic Council, it does so through fostering individual self-confidence and self-esteem, promoting and developing the life skills of leadership and sportsmanship, improving the physical fitness levels of each student involved in the interscholastic program and improving the skill level of each student athlete.

HWDSB is a proud member of both the Southern Ontario Secondary Schools Association (SOSSA) and Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA).



For more information on the Interscholastic Athletic Council, call 905-521-2521 or visit [www.hwdsb.on.ca/athletics](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/athletics)

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Millgrove  
Mountain S.S.  
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George R. Allan  
Gibson  
Glenwood  
Hess Street  
King George  
Memorial (Hamilton)  
Norwood Park  
Prince Philip  
Queen Mary  
Ryerson  
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Glendale S.S.  
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Hillcrest  
Lake Avenue  
Memorial (Stoney Creek)  
Mountain View  
Orchard Park S.S.  
Parkdale  
R. L. Hyslop  
Rosedale  
Roxborough Park  
Sir Isaac Brock  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier  
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Viscount Montgomery  
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Franklin Road  
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Highview  
Hill Park S.S.  
Huntington Park  
Lawfield  
Lincoln Alexander  
Linden Park  
Lisgar  
Pauline Johnson  
Queensdale  
Ray Lewis  
Richard Beasley  
Ridgemount  
Sherwood S.S.  
Templemead  
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Bellmoore  
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Chedoke  
Fessenden  
Gatestone  
Gordon Price  
Holbrook  
James MacDonald  
Janet Lee  
Mount Albion  
Mount Hope  
Mountview  
Queen's Rangers  
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Rousseau  
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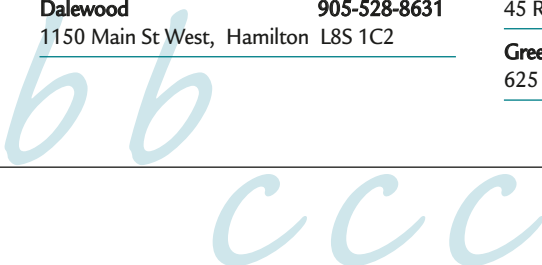
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**Ryerson** 905-528-7975  
222 Robinson St., Hamilton L8P 1Z9

**Sanford Ave.** 905-528-8526  
149 Sanford Ave. N., Hamilton L8L 5Z4

**Sir Isaac Brock** 905-561-0814  
130 Greenford Dr., Stoney Creek L8G 2G8

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier** 905-578-4422  
70 Albright Rd., Hamilton L8K 5J3

**Sir William Osler** 905-628-1588  
330 Governor's Rd., Dundas L9H 0A3

**Spencer Valley** 905-628-1788  
441 Old Brock Rd., Greenville L9H 6A7

**Stinson Street** 905-528-0119  
200 Stinson St., Hamilton L8N 4J5

**Strathcona** 905-527-2470  
10 Lamoreaux St., Hamilton L8R 1V1



# DIRECTORY OF SCHOOLS

**Tapleystown** 905-662-2297  
390 Mud St., Stoney Creek L8G 3X4

**Templemead** 905-383-8348  
62 Templemead Dr., Hamilton L8W 3Z7

**Viscount Montgomery** 905-544-5670  
1525 Lucerne Ave., Hamilton L8K 1R3

**W. H. Ballard** 905-547-1689  
801 Dunsmure Rd., Hamilton L8H 1H9

**Westview** 905-388-1502  
60 Rolston Dr., Hamilton L9C 3X7

**Westwood** 905-383-2143  
9 Lynbrook Dr., Hamilton L9C 2K6

**Winona** 905-643-4141  
255 Winona Dr., Hamilton L8E 5L3

**Woodward Ave.** 905-545-8819  
575 Woodward Ave., Hamilton L8H 6P2

**Yorkview** 905-628-8212  
86 Cameron Ave., Dundas L9H 1P8

## HWDSB SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**Ancaster S.S.** 905-648-4468  
374 Jerseyville Rd. W, Ancaster L9G 3K8

**Barton S.S.** 905-389-2234  
75 Palmer Rd., Hamilton L8T 3G1

**Delta S.S.** 905-549-3031  
1284 Main St. E., Hamilton L8K 1B2

**Glendale S.S.** 905-560-7343  
145 Rainbow Dr., Hamilton L8K 4G1

**Highland S.S.** 905-628-2203  
310 Governor's Rd., Dundas, L9H 5P8

**Hill Park S.S.** 905-385-3257  
465 East 16th St., Hamilton L9A 4K6

**Mountain S.S.** 905-388-2521  
60 Caledon Ave., Hamilton L9C 3C8

**Orchard Park S.S.** 905-573-3550  
200 DeWitt Rd., Stoney Creek, L8E 4M5

**Parkside S.S.** 905-628-6339  
31 Parkside Avenue, Dundas L9H 2S8

**Parkview S.S.** 905-545-5879  
60 Balsam Ave., Hamilton L8L 6Y3

**Saltfleet S.S.** 905-573-3000  
108 Highland Rd. W., Stoney Creek, L8J 2T2

**Sherwood S.S.** 905-383-3377  
25 High St., Hamilton L8T 3Z4

**Sir John A. MacDonald S.S.** 905-528-8363  
130 York Blvd., Hamilton L8R 1Y5

**Sir Winston Churchill S.S.** 905-547-6415  
1715 Main St. E., Hamilton L8H 1E3

**Waterdown S.S.** 905-689-6692  
215 Parkside Dr., Waterdown, L0R 2H1

**Westdale S.S.** 905-522-1387  
700 Main St. W., Hamilton L8S 1A5

**Westmount S.S.** 905-385-5395  
39 Montcalm Dr., Hamilton L9C 4B1



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## ● Learning Community Sessions and Professional Activity Days

Learning Community Sessions are relatively new for our Board. These five half days represent our commitment to students through staff development. Learning Community Sessions help to ensure that everyone in our organization is connected to our mission and has the strategies in place to help students achieve their goals.

These scheduled sessions are separate from the Professional Activity Days mandated by the Ministry of Education. The Learning Community Sessions are a vital part of our larger comprehensive Effective Schools initiative, which is the largest staff and student development program our Board has ever undertaken and involves making each one of our schools effective in ensuring the success of all our students.

During Learning Community Sessions, staff is provided with an opportunity to review research, assess their progress on a specific correlate and identify short and long term actions required to improve school and classroom effectiveness.

The Board is currently evaluating this approach in terms of teaching instructional practice and student achievement.

Talk to your principal about what your school may be focused on during these professional activities.

## ● Professional Activity Days 2008-2009

### Elementary

September 26, 2008  
October 24, 2008  
December 5, 2008  
February 27, 2009  
May 1, 2009  
June 29, 2009

### Secondary

October 24, 2008  
January 27, 2009  
January 28, 2009  
May 1, 2009  
June 24, 2009  
June 26, 2009

## ● Learning Community Sessions 2008-2009

Afternoons only – times may vary depending on local school bell schedules.

### Elementary

October 9, 2008  
November 17, 2008  
January 13, 2008  
April 21, 2009  
May 29, 2009

### Secondary

September 26, 2008  
November 17, 2008  
February 27, 2009  
April 21, 2009  
May 29, 2009

# SCHOOL CALENDARS 08/09

## ONTARIO SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2008						
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### LEGEND

- Professional Activity Day
- Learning Community Session (Half Day)
- 25 Board Designated Holiday/Statutory Holiday (Number of day is in colour)

PA Days – 6 Instruction Days – 188

## ONTARIO SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Exam Days

PA Days – 6 Instruction Days – 178 Exam Days – 10

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