HWDSB

Virtual PA Day Workshops for HWDSB students with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Information for students and families

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is partnering with Bethesda Children's Services to offer PA Day workshops for students with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) through the After School Skills Development Program (ASSDP). Please see the elementary and secondary flyers for service options.

Please note the following:

- Families/students who wish to register for a workshop will need to register directly with Bethesda (see flyer for contact details).
- Only HWDSB students may register for the listed virtual PA Day workshops.
- Students may request up to one hour of individual follow up after each workshop.
- Bethesda is an approved Ontario Autism Program (OAP) provider. As a provider they will ask if you/the student are registered with the OAP. Students **do not** need to be registered with the OAP to access these services, however students who are registered with the OAP may be offered additional services through Bethesda's OAP services.
- Some information will be collected by Bethesda and shared with the ASSDP (e.g., number of registrants, satisfaction survey results, service data elements) for service evaluation and ministry reporting purposes only. No identifying student information will be shared from Bethesda to HWDSB without student/ guardian consent.
- Workshops will run on Blue Jeans Health. This is a secure platform; however, it is not supported on HWDSB devices. Instructions on how to participate will be shared after registration and consent to participation is received.
- Workshops will not be recorded.
- An ASSDP employee may at times be present to monitor quality of service

Did you know that individuals registered in the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) can access foundational family services (i.e., caregiver workshops, consultations, social skills groups, respite) regardless of where you live?

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