



# S.T.E.P.S.

## BELLE RIVER DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL



### What is the S.T.E.P.S. program?

S.T.E.P.S. stands for "Skills to Enhance Personal Success". The S.T.E.P.S. program consists of courses, supports, and experiences designed to meet the needs of students with complex learning needs and physical challenges in a secondary school environment.

### Who is eligible for the S.T.E.P.S. program?

Exceptional students identified as having a Developmental Disability, Autism or Multiple Exceptionality through the I.P.R.C. (Identification, Placement and Review Committee) process AND who meet other criteria specified by the GECDSB, are eligible for the S.T.E.P.S. program.

### How does the S.T.E.P.S. program work?

The program is designed to allow students the opportunity to proceed at a rate of learning that is appropriate to their ability, needs and interests. In fact, S.T.E.P.S. students typically spend 7 years in the program and graduate the calendar year that they turn 21.

### S.T.E.P.S. Teachers

Mrs. Sovran (DH)  
Mrs. Zgomba

### Developmental Service Worker

K. Maurina

### Education Assistant:

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## “Skills To Enhance Personal Success”

### Current S.T.E.P.S. K-Courses

1. Language and Communication Development
2. Numbers and Numeracy
3. Computer Skills
4. Culinary Skills
5. Choice Making for Healthy Living
6. Personal Health and Fitness
7. Exploring the World of Work
8. Creative Arts for Enjoyment and Expression

### What do S.T.E.P.S. students achieve upon graduation?

Students in the S.T.E.P.S. program will be working towards achieving a Certificate of Accomplishment at the end of their secondary school career. The Certificate of Accomplishment is not the same as the Ontario Secondary School Diploma because S.T.E.P.S. students are enrolled in special courses.



### What does the S.T.E.P.S. program have to offer?

**LIFE SKILLS:** Our program is equipped with a “Life Skills” room where students receive individualized programming for self-help, self-care and cooking skills. Daily living skills are uniquely tailored to meet our students’ strengths and need.

**INTEGRATION:** S.T.E.P.S. students are encouraged to participate in mainstream courses of interest and we regularly join other classes for special events and activities. Our field trips are often a collaboration between many different teachers within the school and have included an overnight camping trip!

**WORK PLACEMENTS:** Our program is designed to help students explore work opportunities and community-based experiences where possible. Work placements include the school cafeteria as well as businesses within our community.

**ACADEMICS:** Our academic program is designed to help students reach their full potential in a safe, caring and supportive classroom environment. Classroom initiatives assist students with developing functional language & numeracy skills, among others.