



BRDHS

BELLE RIVER DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL



S.T.E.P.S.



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 GECD SB, 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.



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S.T.E.P.S Teachers

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CURRENT S.T.E.P.S. 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. Self-Help and Self-Care
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 designed to teach valuable life skills, including self-care, cooking, money management, grocery shopping and household responsibilities. Daily living skills are uniquely tailored to meet our students' strengths and needs

INTEGRATION: Our students are encouraged to participate in mainstream courses of interest and we regularly join other classes for fun events and activities. Our field trips are often a collaborate effort between S.T.E.P.S. and mainstream teachers and have included an overnight camping trip at Point Pelee!

WORK PLACEMENTS: Our program is designed to help students explore the world of work and participate in rich experiential learning opportunities. Work placements include the school cafeteria as well as businesses within our community.

ACADEMICS: Our academic program is based upon a holistic approach to learning & is designed to help students reach their full potential. Our program sees students as individuals with unique needs & talents & recognizes that students learn best when their individual needs are met. Our classroom initiatives include functional language & numeracy skills, computer sills, problem-solving skills, following directions, learning from mistakes, kindness, honesty, integrity, openness and creativity..

