

ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Simcoe County District School Board's Special Education Department is made up of a variety of professionals who provide a range of services to students to help them achieve to their potential.

We're committed to working together with families to support our students.



More information about Special Education is available at www.scdsb.on.ca in the 'Programs' section. Parents can also speak to their classroom teacher, special education resource teacher, vice-principal or principal about the services available. Supports are accessed through a school staff referral system.



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SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)



Special Education

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH ASD

Students, parents, and educators all play important roles in the planning and implementation of a student's special education program.

Through working collaboratively with individuals, staff are able to better understand a student's learning profile and become aware of interventions that have successfully supported other students or the student in other environments. With this knowledge, staff can plan appropriate program goals and interventions for the student. This school team is made up of school staff members who work together with the family to collaborate, consult, and share information and knowledge to identify strategies that may increase the student's learning success. As circumstances require, the school team may also seek assistance from other resources within the school board or with outside agencies. School board resources include the Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) team.

What is ABA?

Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) is a scientific approach to understanding and changing behaviour, and teaching new skills.

Interventions based on principles of learning and behaviour are then designed and implemented to develop appropriate behaviours. Progress is assessed through data collection and the approach is altered as necessary.

The ABA Team

The ABA Team is a group of centrally-based special education staff that provides support to schools and students with an ASD throughout the Simcoe County District School Board.

Members of the team include:

A Consultant in Special Education

a teacher with the SCDSB who works in conjunction with the school staff for programming

ABA Coordinators

specialists in planning for and implementing the principles of ABA

ABA Support Workers

specialists in implementing strategies used with students with ASD

How we work with students and school teams

The ABA Team is available to work with students, parents and staff with a goal of building capacity to ensure each student achieves to their full potential.

- ✓ Support can be provided in the following areas of ABA: individualization of goals, positive reinforcement, data collection and analysis, generalization of skills, and supporting and planning for transitions.
- ✓ The ABA Team supports the school team as they monitor the progress of students with an ASD through data collection and analysis. When needed, further considerations are offered to the school team on teaching strategies within an ABA framework to ensure maintenance and generalization of skills.

Individual Education Plan

Most students with ASD have special education needs that need to be considered in an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

This includes students who have been identified as exceptional by an IPRC, and also students who may have received a diagnosis of a disorder within the range of ASD but may not be formally identified by an IPRC as an exceptional pupil.

- Effective Educational Practices for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, 2007

