

# LEARNING SERVICES STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

## Background

The District, consistent with the School Act and provincial legislation, is committed to providing an educational program for all students of school age.

It is the goal of the District to offer programs to support the success of all learners. Learning Services Programs are offered to support the unique and diverse needs of the students it serves.

Learning Services Student Support Programs were previously referred to as District Programs, along with programs of choice.

Learning Services Programs include:

- Special Education Programs
  - Alternative Programs
  - Alternate Inter-Agency Programs
1. **Special Education Programs** established by Learning Services for students who require specialized instruction, smaller group settings, and support staff due to their learning and/or social-emotional needs. Learning Services, to the extent possible, will establish programs to meet these identified needs. Students are generally referred to these programs by District and/or school staff.
  2. **Alternative Programs** established by Learning Services, to the extent possible, for students who have learning, social-emotional needs, and require a smaller alternative setting and support staff to achieve success in a school setting. Students are generally referred to these programs by school staff, parents or the student.
  3. **Alternate Inter-Agency Programs** are jointly funded by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). These partnership programs are for students who require additional supports beyond what Alternative Resource Programs are able to provide. Referrals are through MCFD or VAC FSS.

Reference: Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 8.4, 8.5, 20, 22, 23, 65, 74.1, 75, 75.1, 85 School Act  
Collective Agreements

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