

Practical Academic and Life Skills Programs - TLDSB

Role:	Practical Academic and Life Skills Programs
Overview of Service:	<p>The Practical Academic and Life Skills Program is a specialized program for students with significant cognitive and adaptive needs. The learning focus of this program is to provide students with functional and purposeful skills that will support success. It is a stepping stone towards independent living.</p> <p>Teaching will take place in a meaningful context; real life situations will enhance concept and skill development. Materials used to facilitate experiential learning will be largely concrete and hands-on in nature.</p> <p>Each student in the program will have an individual education plan, which addresses their unique educational needs and corresponds to their specific life-long and living goals. Individual education plans will incorporate realistic, manageable, yet appropriately challenging expectations for each student.</p> <p>The program addresses the following areas of need: Basic Living Skills, Social Skills, Communication, Functional Academics, Self-control Strategies and Motor Skills.</p>
Supports Available:	<p>Small student : teacher ratio;</p> <p>Facilities and equipment for teaching basic living skills,</p> <p>Adaptive equipment for meeting physical needs, as necessary.</p> <p>Special education qualified teachers;</p> <p>Support of educational assistants, as needed</p> <p>Central staff supports, as needed.</p>
Access to Service:	<p>Entry into the practical academic and life skills program is through an IPRC: Certain requirements must be fulfilled for consideration as a candidate. These involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age requirement; • Academic, adaptive and psychological assessments; • On-going involvement with the Special Education Area Consultant
Additional Information:	<p>While the practical academic and life skills is a full time program, there are opportunities for integration into other classes within the school, as appropriate.</p>
Graduation:	<p>Students Graduate with an OCA – Ontario Certificate of Accomplishment</p>