

What are the Ministry's Provincial and Demonstration Schools?

The ministry operates Provincial and Demonstration Schools throughout Ontario for the deaf, blind, deaf-blind, and severely learning-disabled students, as well as those with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Residential programs are offered at the schools Monday to Friday, for students who live too far from school to travel daily.

Demonstration Schools for English-speaking students with severe learning disabilities, including learning disabilities associated with ADHD

Amethyst School
1090 Highbury Avenue
London, ON N5Z 4V9
Telephone: (519) 453-4408

Sagonaska School
350 Dundas Street West
Belleville, ON K8P 1B2
Telephone: (613) 967-2830

Trillium School
347 Ontario Street South
Milton, ON L9T 3X9
Telephone: (905) 878-8428

Schools for the deaf:

Earnest C. Drury School
255 Ontario Street South
Milton, ON L9T 2M5
Telephone: (905) 878-7195
TTY: (905) 878-7195

Robarts School
1090 Highbury Avenue
P.O. Box 7360, Station "E"
London, ON N5Y 4V9
Telephone and TTY: (519) 453-4400

Sir James Whitney School
350 Dundas Street West
Belleville, ON K8P 1B2
Telephone and TTY: (613) 967-2823

School for the blind and deaf:

W. Ross Macdonald School
350 Brant Avenue
Branford, ON N3T 3J9
Telephone: (519) 759-0730

French-language school for the deaf and Demonstration School for French-speaking students with severe learning disabilities, including learning disabilities associated with ADHD

Centre Jules-Leger
281 rue Lanark
Ottawa, ON K1Z6R8
Telephone: (613) 761-9304

Where can parents obtain additional information?

Additional information can be obtained from: Superintendent of Education; Superior-Greenstone District School Board, Marathon, ON (807) 229-0436; or the System Resource Personnel; Superior-Greenstone District School Board, Marathon, ON (807) 229-0436; or one of the following school principals:

Lake Superior High School	825-3271
Geraldton Composite High School	854-0130
Manitouwadge High School	826-3241
Marathon High School	229-1800
Nipigon High School	886-2201
B.A. Parker Public School	854-1683
Beardmore Public School	875-2128
Dorion Public School	857-2313
George O'Neil Public School	887-2107
Manitouwadge Public School	826-4011
Margaret Twomey Public School	229-3050
Marjorie Mills Public School	876-2366
Red Rock Public School	886-2253
Schreiber Public School	824-2082
Terrace Bay Public School	825-3253

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



PARENTS' GUIDE TO SPECIAL EDUCATION, APPEALS, SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS, AND BOARD CONTACTS

APPEALS

From time to time parents disagree with the identification or placement of their child. In order to appeal either the identification or placement of a child, a specific process has been developed. This process is outlined below. Please note that that request must be received in writing and timelines need to be followed.

What can parents do if they disagree with the IPRC decision?

If you ***do not agree*** with either the identification or the placement decision made by the IPRC, you may, within 15 days of receipt of the decision, request that the IPRC hold a second meeting to discuss your concerns; or within 30 days of receipt of the decision, file a notice of appeal with Superior-Greenstone District School Board, Marathon, ON (807) 229-0436.

If you ***do not agree*** with the decision after the second meeting, you may file a notice of appeal within 15 days of receipt of the decision (see Appeals).

If you do not consent to the IPRC decision, but you do not appeal it, the board will instruct the principal to implement the IPRC decision.

APPEAL PROCESS

How do I appeal an IPRC decision?

If you disagree with the IPRC's identification of your child as exceptional or with the placement decision of the IPRC, you may, within 30 days of receipt of the original decision or within 15 days of receipt of the decision from the second meeting described in the IPRC pamphlet, give written notification of your intention to appeal the decision to the Director of Education; P.O. Bag A, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, Ontario, P0T 2E0.

The notice of appeal **must** indicate the decision with which you disagree; and include a statement that sets out your reasons for disagreeing.

What happens in the appeal process?

The appeal process involves the following steps:

- The board will establish a special education appeal board to hear your appeal. The appeal board will be composed of three persons who have no prior knowledge of the matter under appeal, one of whom is to be selected by you, the parent.
- The chair of the appeal board will arrange a meeting to take place at a convenient time and place, but no later than 30 days after he or she has been selected (unless parents and board provide written consent to a later date).
- The appeal board will receive the material reviewed by the IPRC and may interview any persons who may be able to contribute information about the matter under appeal.
- You, the parent, and your child, if he or she is 16 years old or over, are entitled to be present at, and to participate in, all discussions.
- The appeal board must make its recommendation within 3 days of the meeting's ending. It may: agree with the IPRC and recommend that the decision be implemented; or disagree with the IPRC and make a recommendation to the board about your child's identification or placement or both.
- The appeal board will report its recommendation in writing, to you and to the school board, providing the reasons for its recommendations.
- Within 30 days of receiving the appeal board's written statement, the school board will decide what action it will take with respect to the recommendations (boards are not required to follow the appeal board recommendation).
- You may accept the decision of the school board or you may appeal to a Special Education Tribunal Information about making an application to the tribunal will be included with the appeal board's decision.

SGDSB PROGRAMS

What special education programs and services are provided by the board?

Due to the large geographic area covered by the board and the wide variance in the number of identified students in each of the exceptionalities, the board does not offer self-contained special education classes. Instead, the board supports a model of integration within the regular classroom as the primary placement for students. This placement may be supported by resource assistance to the classroom teacher for program modifications and accommodations. The SERT may also provide resource assistance directly to the student on an "as required" basis. Special Education assistants also support this model.

If, after providing a student with various supports to access the educational system, it is determined by the board that the student's needs are so great that he/she requires a special education placement outside of the board's jurisdiction, the board will investigate its ability to purchase a program from another board or to refer the student to one of the Provincial Demonstration Schools.

SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

What organizations are available to assist parents?

Many parent organizations are available to provide information and support to parents of exceptional children. Locally, the following organizations are eligible for membership on the board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC):

- Association for Community Living- Nipigon District Office
- Easter Seals – Thunder Bay District Office

Provincial organizations:

- Association for Bright Children
- Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
- Geneva Center for Autism