

In Waterloo Catholic District Schools

The mandate of our Student Success program is to help our schools better serve the needs of all students preparing them for a successful future. Our main focus is developing programs for struggling students and students who are disengaged with school. These programs open doors to viable options and pathways and present opportunities for success to students planning to enter a work placement, apprenticeship, post secondary studies, or community living. Our schools are working side by side with community partners and organizations to provide students with the skills they need to be successful, lifelong learners.

The Four Pillars of Student Success

Literacy

- ❖ At-Risk reader's kit available in all Secondary schools
- ❖ System Literacy Action Team
- ❖ Secondary Schools Cross-Curricular Literacy Teams
- ❖ Grade 7 & 8 Professional Learning Teams
- ❖ Secondary school literacy course (OSSLC) and support group for all OSSLC teachers
- ❖ Literacy Tips on the Student Success website
- ❖ *Think Literacy Success* resources for all 7-12 teachers
- ❖ Skills Builder Program for Grade 8 Students - Literacy

Mathematical Literacy

- ❖ Itinerant mathematical literacy teacher for grades 7-8
- ❖ K-12 mathematics framework
- ❖ TIPS resources, Leading Math Success Team, online GSP training
- ❖ Math Tips on the Student Success website
- ❖ Skills Builder Program for Grade 8 Students - Mathematical Literacy

Pathways

- ❖ Pathways Coordinator
- ❖ Pathways Planner and other resources for students, families and teachers
- ❖ School to Work Conference for grade 12 Students
- ❖ Exit conferences for grade 12 students
- ❖ Career Focusing™ training for teachers and program delivery for grade 10 students
- ❖ Business Visitation and Speakers program
- ❖ Pathways video and resources on the Student Success website

Community, Culture and Caring

- ❖ Bullying Awareness and Prevention (linked with Safe Schools)
- ❖ 40 Developmental Assets training
- ❖ Student Success Teachers in all Secondary schools
- ❖ Training for grade 8 teachers and selected Secondary staff on transition from grade 8 to 9
- ❖ The Power of One mentoring program

Key Indicators of Student Success

- ❖ Credit accumulation
- ❖ Pass rates
- ❖ Literacy success rates
- ❖ Number of workplace preparation courses
- ❖ Number of college preparation courses
- ❖ Number of locally developed courses
- ❖ Guidance and career education courses
- ❖ Annual school leaver rate
- ❖ Grade 7 & 8 students at risk identified
- ❖ Mark distribution (parameters to be determined by the Ministry of Education)

Responding to the Data

We have gathered data on the 10 Key Indicators of student success as outlined by the Ministry of Education and are using this data to improve success rates through program enhancements. For more information and details regarding data collection and success rates for WCDSB, access the data link on the Student Success website at: <http://bss.wcdsb.ca/using-data/using-data.html>

Student Success Supports in the WCDSB

- ❖ Supported Co-op
- ❖ Workplace preparation programs
- ❖ In-school alternative programming
- ❖ Learning to 18 grants / lighthouse projects
- ❖ Credit recovery in regular day school and after school programs
- ❖ Credit rescue
- ❖ Board-level Student Success Leader
- ❖ Literacy Consultant (7-12)
- ❖ Assessment, Evaluation, Research Coordinator
- ❖ Pathways Coordinator
- ❖ Itinerant Mathematical Literacy Teacher who works with teachers to enhance their practice
- ❖ Secondary School Improvement Program Heads
- ❖ Student Success Teachers (SST's) in all Secondary schools
- ❖ Learning group for SST's to share knowledge and strategies
- ❖ Support group for LDCC teachers
- ❖ Professional learning communities for Administrators and SST's
- ❖ Data Integration Platform (DIP)

Role of the Student Success Teacher

- ❖ Re-engaging students in the school
- ❖ Providing direct support and instruction to struggling students
- ❖ Tracking, monitoring and creating interventions for struggling students
- ❖ Re-culturing the school to foster an atmosphere of success for all students
- ❖ Creating individualized pathways for success
- ❖ Working with parents and the community to support student success
- ❖ Collaborating with elementary schools and other teachers to identify struggling students and the strategies to support them
- ❖ Working with the School Success Team to create a student success plan
- ❖ Teacher capacity building to support school wide efforts to improve student learning