

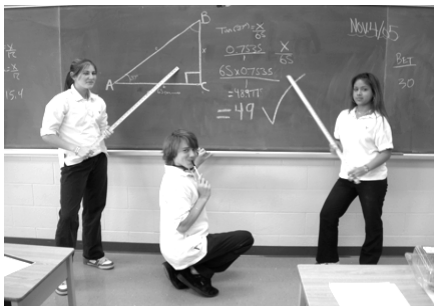


# Student Success

## *In Waterloo Catholic District Schools*

The mandate of the 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.

For additional information about Student Success, access our website at:  
<http://bss.wcdsb.ca>.



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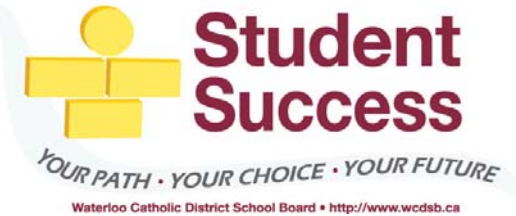
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***Your Path...  
Your Choice...  
Your Future***





## **The Four Pillars of Student Success**

Provincial and local initiatives and their sustainability are framed within four foundational pillars of student success, as determined by the Ministry of Education:

### **Literacy**

Grade Ten students write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy test (OSSLT) in March and must successfully pass the test or complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) to be eligible to graduate. The literacy page of our Student Success website has links to EQAO resources for students, parents, and teachers as well as an excellent online test preparation link.

### **Mathematical Literacy**

Grade Nine students will write the grade nine assessment of Mathematics to determine if they have met the Mathematics expectations in the Ontario Curriculum. The EQAO website ([www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)) has sample questions and formula sheets. Our Student Success website has many other resources and ideas for improving math skills

### **Pathways**

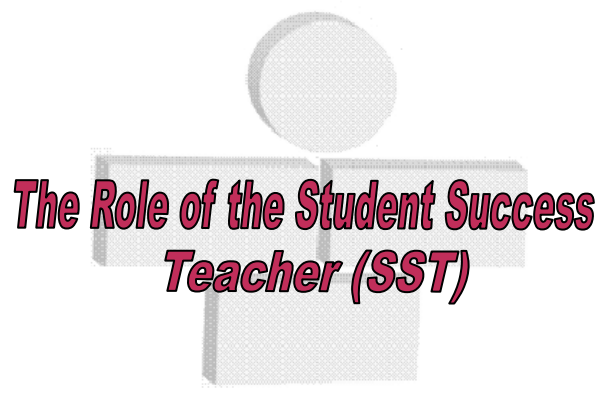
As part of the secondary curriculum, all students will participate in career exploration and Pathways planning to:

- Prepare them for direct entry into an apprenticeship, university, the workplace, community living, or college.
- Explore and discover the limitless career opportunities available.
- Help increase engagement, build confidence, and provide hope for all students.

The Student Success Website has a Pathways video, planner and sample planning sheet to help your child start thinking about the future.

### **Community, Culture and Caring**

- A bullying prevention program is in place in all schools and anti-bullying resources are available for all teachers and students.
- Teachers are being trained in the 40 Developmental Assets program to improve positive behaviours in schools and the community. Go to [www.thrivecanada.ca](http://www.thrivecanada.ca) for more information about this program.
- Student Success teachers, along with your child's guidance counsellor are in place in all secondary schools.



## **The Role of the Student Success Teacher (SST)**

In addition to Guidance Counsellors, the Student Success Teacher (SST) is another support in place to help students find success. Some of the ways SST's work with students include:

- Developing a positive / constructive relationship with students
- Monitoring attendance / lates
- Checking on work completion in classes
- Providing direct support / instruction to students to improve achievement
- Making classroom observations
- Contacting parents
- Getting progress reports from teachers

### **Supports in the WCDSB:**

- Supported Co-op
- Credit recovery in regular day school and after school programs
- Credit rescue
- In-school alternative programming
- Workplace preparation programs
- Lighthouse Projects
- Saturday Skill Builder Program (Literacy and Mathematical Literacy)