



Standard 11

Provincial and Demonstration Schools in Ontario



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This standard provides the public with information about the Provincial and Demonstration Schools that operate for students who are deaf, blind, or deaf-blind, or who have profound learning disabilities. Over the school year 2022-2023, the KPRDSB supported 18 students (14 at Sagonaska School and 4 at Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf) in attending these programs.

Provincial Schools and Provincial Demonstration Schools

- are operated by the Ministry of Education
- provide education for students who are deaf or blind, or who have profound learning disabilities
- provide an alternative education option
- serve as regional resource centres for students who are deaf, blind, or deaf-blind
- provide preschool home visiting services for students who are deaf or deaf-blind
- develop and provide learning materials and media for students who are deaf, blind, or deaf-blind
- provide school board teachers with resource services
- play a valuable role in teacher training

Applications for admission to a provincial Demonstration School are made on behalf of students by the school board, with parent/guardian consent. Admittance to a Provincial School is determined by the Provincial Schools Admission Committee in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulation 296 of the Education Act.

Transportation to Provincial Schools for students is arranged for and provided by school boards.

An in-service teacher education program is provided at each Demonstration School. This program is designed to share methodologies and materials with teachers of Ontario school boards. Information about the programs offered should be obtained from the schools themselves.

Each provincial Demonstration School has an enrolment of forty students. The language of instruction at the Amethyst, Sagonaska, and Trillium schools is English; at Centre Jules-Léger, instruction is in French.

1) Provincial Schools for the Deaf

The following Provincial Schools offer services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students:

- **Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf** in Belleville (serving Eastern Ontario)
- **Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf** in Milton (serving Central and Northern Ontario)
- **Robarts School for the Deaf** in London (serving Western Ontario)
- **Centre Jules-Léger** in Ottawa (serving francophone students and families throughout Ontario)

These schools provide elementary and secondary school programs for deaf students from preschool level to high school graduation. The curriculum follows the Ontario curriculum and parallels courses

and programs provided in school boards. Each student has their needs met as set out in their Individual Education Plan (IEP). Schools for the deaf:

- provide rich and supportive bilingual/bicultural educational environments which facilitate students' language acquisition, learning, and social development through American Sign Language (ASL) and English
- operate primarily as day schools
- provide residential facilities five days per week for those students who do not live within reasonable commuting distance from the school

Each school has a Resource Services Department which provides:

- consultation and educational advice to parents/guardians of deaf and hard-of-hearing children and school board personnel
- information brochures
- a wide variety of workshops for parents/guardians, school boards, and other agencies
- an extensive home-visiting program delivered to parents/guardians of deaf and hard-of-hearing preschool children by teachers trained in preschool and deaf education

2) Provincial Schools for Students with Profound Learning Disabilities

These Demonstration Schools were established to:

- provide special residential education programs for students between the ages of 5 and 21 years
- enhance the development of each student's academic and social skills
- develop the abilities of the students enrolled to a level that will enable them to return to programs operated by a local school board within two years

In addition to providing residential schooling for students with profound learning disabilities, the provincial Demonstration Schools have special programs for students with profound learning disabilities in association with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD). These are highly intensive, one-year programs.

The Trillium School also operates Learning for Emotional and Academic Development (LEAD), a special program for students with profound learning disabilities who require an additional level of social/emotional support.

3) Provincial Schools for the Blind and Deaf-Blind

W. Ross Macdonald School is located in Brantford and provides education for students who are blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind. The school provides:

- a provincial resource centre for the visually impaired and deaf-blind
- support to local school boards through consultation and the provision of special learning materials, such as Braille materials, audiotapes, and large-print textbooks
- professional services and guidance to ministries of education on an interprovincial co-operative basis

Programs are tailored to the needs of the individual student and:

- are designed to help these students learn to live independently
- are delivered by specially trained teachers
- follow the Ontario curriculum developed for all students in the province
- offer a full range of courses at the secondary level
- offer courses in special subject areas such as music, broad-based technology, family studies, physical education, and mobility training
- are individualized to offer a comprehensive "life skills" program
- provide home visiting for parents/guardians and families of preschool children who are deaf/blind to assist in preparing these children for future education

Transportation for students to and from the Provincial or Demonstration Schools

Students attending a Provincial or Demonstration School are generally transported by bus arranged through the KPRDSB in collaboration with Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) once the student has been accepted at the Provincial or Demonstration School. Designated stops on the bus route are accessed by each family on Friday and Sunday. This mode of transportation is shared with the Durham District School Board. When necessary, an assistant is provided, and this cost is shared between the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and the Durham District School Board.

At times, it is most appropriate to transport a student daily. When possible, existing transportation and routes are used in this situation. If necessary, a daily taxi service or small van service is arranged for daily transportation. Students that travel daily are generally picked up at their house, taken to the school, and returned to their house at the end of the school day.

For more information, visit the Ministry of Education, Provincial and Demonstration Schools Branch website at [this link](#).

Provincial School Contacts

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**The Robarts School for the
Deaf**
1515 Cheapside Street
London, Ontario
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Tel.: (519) 453-4400
Fax: (519) 453-7943

**The Sir James Whitney
School for the Deaf**
350 Dundas Street West
Belleville, Ontario
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Tel.: (613) 967-2823
Fax: (613) 967-2857

School for the Blind and Deaf-Blind:

W. Ross Macdonald School
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Fax: (519) 759-4741

School for the Deaf, Blind, and Deaf-Blind (French Language):

Centre Jules-Léger
281 rue Lanark
Ottawa, Ontario
Tel.: (613) 761-9300
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Schools for Students with Severe Learning Disabilities:

Amethyst School

1515 Cheapside Street
London, Ontario
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Tel.: (519) 453-4408
Fax: (519) 453-2160

Sagonaska School

350 Dundas Street West
Belleville, Ontario
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Tel.: (613) 967-2830
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Centre Jules-Léger (French Language)

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