



HELP YOUR CHILD TRANSITION



Keep a positive attitude!

The best way for a parent to help ease this transition is to

SHOW EXCITEMENT ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL!

What I Need To Know:

Grade 7:

- Students are introduced to "My Blueprint" (online pathway planning tool) in grade 7.
- Students are exposed to the high school by various invitations to events at the school.

Grade 8:

- High school teams and graduates will visit the grade 8s to talk about high school and answer questions.
- There will be scheduled visits throughout the year for the grade 8s to visit the high school with their class.
- In November, the grade 8s get to visit the high school all day and live out the high school life for the day.
- There will be various parent meetings available for you to attend.
- Guidance counsellors will visit and discuss course selections with grade 8 students.

- The grade 8 classroom teacher will make recommendations of course selection levels for your child.
- You may be invited and/or you may request a transition meeting with your child's current school team (classroom teacher, resource teacher, principal, etc.) and the high school resource teacher. At this meeting your child's goals and course selections are discussed. This meeting may also include your child.
- Elementary and secondary schools teams, including principals, grade 8 teachers, special education resource teachers, guidance counsellors and other staff, meet to transfer information about **all** grade 8 students in April of the grade 8 year.
- In these last two years of elementary school, a focus may be placed on functional skills such as self-advocacy, self-awareness (IEP), self-regulation, organizational skills, independent skills, social skills, etc... individualized to your child's needs in preparation for high school.
- Your child will attend a barbecue at the end of August at the high school and will be put into a group and connected with a mentor (grade 12 student) from the school (Cub Crew/Link Crew).
- It is a good idea for parents to connect with the resource teacher and high school teachers to discuss your child at the beginning of September.
- Secondary school teachers meet with special education resource teachers at the start of every semester to discuss IEP's; teachers also discuss the IEP with the student and parents in the first month of each semester.

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