



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# Secondary Adaptive Program

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The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) supports a range of programs to challenge all students to achieve their personal best. One such program is the Secondary Adaptive Program. This program provides opportunities for students to learn workplace skills and improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

Students earn a skills portfolio detailing their accomplishments gained through the program. In addition, they may complete the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) or an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). It should be noted that university or college-bound students would not normally enrol in this program.

## Skills-based Education

The focus of the skills-based courses in the Adaptive Program is to prepare students for the world of work. As much as 50 per cent of daily activities are directly related to acquiring workplace skills.

**Hands-on Experience** — classes in shops and labs using a range of tools and equipment.

**Work Experience** — opportunities for placements outside of school with workplace sponsors.

**Skills Portfolio** — series of documents to take to potential employers.

## Our Occupational Courses

Auto Body, Auto Service, Baking, Child Care, Computer Skills, Construction/Woodwork, Cosmetology, Dry Cleaning, Food Preparation, Home Health Care, Horticulture, Machine Shop, Painting and Decorating, Small Engines, Tailoring, Trowel Trades, Visual Arts, Welding.

## Our Broad-based Technologies

Communication, Construction, Hospitality and Tourism, Manufacturing, Personal Services, Transportation.

## Academic Education

In the Secondary Adaptive Program students focus on acquiring literacy

and numeracy skills that are presented in the context of the world of work. Students focus on basic academic skills at a level that meets their needs. Both credit and non-credit courses are available. Credit courses are offered to those students whose skills are assessed at or close to grade level. Non-credit courses are offered to students whose skills are assessed at significantly below grade level and are designed to improve their skills.

## Attending the Secondary Adaptive Program

This program is open to students who are finding grade level English and Mathematics difficult and who are interested in learning hands-on skills to prepare them for the workplace.

An application package must be completed for each student who is interested in attending. The package may be obtained from the school principal, guidance staff, or special education staff and should be submitted after consultation with parents/guardians, appropriate teachers, and the school's multi-disciplinary team (principal, learning support teacher, social worker, psychologist, and others where required).

Typically, students enter the program from grade 8. However, secondary school students may also apply.

Early February is generally the period for application for September acceptance into the program. The Adaptive Program schools may also intake secondary school students at the end of October (first reporting period) and at the end of January (second reporting period).

## OCDSB Adaptive Program Sites

### West — Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School

55 Centrepointhe Drive, Nepean K2G 5L4, 613-723-5136  
Grades 9-12

### East — Ottawa Technical Learning Centre

485 Donald Street, Ottawa K1K 1L8, 613-745-0347  
Grades 9-12

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