

Inclusive Student Services at Pickering High School- Room 154

Welcome to Pickering High School! We are very excited to work with you throughout your time at PHS. Our Inclusive Student Services team is here to help you be successful. We are your home base for everything from finding your classes, getting help with your school work, or sharing a good story. You are ALWAYS welcome to drop in!

What WE can do:

- *offer academic, social-emotional, and organizational supports
- *advocate for student's learning needs with subject teachers as per the IEP
- *provide a welcoming and supporting environment
- *be your "home base" at PHS



What YOU can do:

Before Grade 9 starts:

- *develop a one-page "Self-Advocacy" letter which introduces yourself and your learning style to your new teachers
- *come in for a tour of the school, meet the SERTs and EAs, and find out what PHS is all about

Once you are here:

- *access the Room 154 for extra help, a quiet place to work,

Test and Exam Support

- *Students must make arrangements with their teacher BEFORE the test day
- *Quiet spot for writing tests
- *Access extended time as per student's accommodations



After School Support

- Monday - Thursday (Fridays as requested)*
- 2:15 - 3:15(most days)*
- Extra help with our SERTs and EAs*
- Quiet space to work*

Modifications vs Accommodations - in elementary school, a student may have had "Modified Curriculum Expectations" which means they were working on curriculum for a different grade level. In high school, curriculum is NOT modified - instead we offer "Accommodations", which are teaching strategies that will help students to be successful in their grade. Students also choose which level of course (Open, Applied, or Academic) to take; if a student had "Modified Curriculum" in Grade 8, they should take Applied classes in Grade 9.

IPRC - The Identification, Placement, and Review Committee is the annual meeting with parents/guardians, ISS teachers, and administration, during which a student's placement and IEP are discussed and developed as required.

IEP - Individualized Education Plan, a legal document which lists a student's Area of Exceptionality and the Accommodations teachers use to support students' individual needs.

Self-Advocacy and Organizational Support

- *SERTs and EAs are in constant communication with teachers
- **Get assistance organizing your binders and schedule



Self-Regulation and Wellness Support

- Quiet and private work spaces*
- Fidget and calming tools*
- Supportive staff*
- Connection to school and community supports*

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