

School Based Services

Learning Support Services

Learning Services Teachers (LSTs) provide both direct and indirect support to students through school-based consultation, instruction, assessment, collaborative planning, IEP development, and co-ordination with the School Based Resource Team. Learning Services Teachers work with classroom teachers to provide support for students.

LST support may include:

- Co-planning, co-teaching, co-assessing with the classroom teacher
- Providing direct instruction in skills and concepts to individuals, small groups (in class and beyond the classroom) or enrolling classes in Secondary
- Collaborating with parents/caregivers
- Case Management of students with Ministry Identifications, including the development and implementation of the IEP
- Collaboration with district services and community agencies (e.g. Occupational Therapy, Provincial Outreach Programs, etc.)

Counselling Services

School Counsellors:

- Support the implementation and promotion of social emotional learning supports for all students within their schools
- Provide consultation and counselling services for students with academic, social, emotional, behavioural or mental health needs
- Collaborate with teachers, parents/caregivers and additional specialists from other Ministries and agencies
- Are Case Managers of students with Ministry of Education Behaviour or Mental Health Identifications

Secondary School Counsellors also provide educational planning and career counselling. This may involve consideration of alternative program/school placement as part of the School Based Resource Team decision making process.

Referrals for direct counselling support for individual students are made through the SBRT.

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Choices Program

The Choices Program is offered in all Secondary Schools. This program is designed to support students with social and emotional needs that have experienced barriers to their success in school.

Choices support for students can include:

- Connection with the Choices staff to support belonging and engagement in school
- Accessing the Choices classroom for support as needed
- Working on curriculum with support and adaptations within a scheduled class
- Access to Self Efficacy curriculum which focuses on targeted skill development to overcome or minimize educational barriers

Key to Choices is the partnership with course teachers, grade counsellors, Choices staff, parents/caregivers and community partners who collaborate, create, and maintain a program of personalized, individual support for students.

Referrals to Choices are made through the SBRT. More information can be found here:

[Choices - North Vancouver School District](#)

Education Assistants

Education Assistants (EAs) are para-professional staff who work under the guidance of a teacher, and under the general supervision of the School Principal, to support student access and inclusion. EAs can provide a range of services including social emotional support, communication access and personal care. The type of support an EA provides depends on each student's needs and the needs of the school. Not every student with disabilities will have or require an EA. Decisions about assigning EAs are made carefully, based on assessments of what each student needs in different learning situations.