



**Our Mission:**

*“As disciples of Christ, we educate and nurture hope in all learners to realize their full potential to transform God’s world.”*

**Our Vision:**

*“Our Catholic Schools: heart of the community—success for each, a place for all.”*

For more information contact the Special Education Department at your child’s school to discuss individual student programming.

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## ACTIVE Program

### Who Is the Program For:

This program has been developed for students entering Gr. 9 whose individual Education Plan indicates the student is working on Junior/ Grade 4-5 level expectations from the Ontario curriculum.

### What Is the Focus of the Program:

This program is designed to assist students with their transition from school to the workplace and/or community.

- Students will develop the skills necessary to function independently in the community.
- Students will identify potential work destinations based on interest and ability level.
- Students will develop employment skills.

### Highlights of the Program:

- Students may be enrolled in the program for 4 to 7 years.
- An Individual Education Plan lists the expectations for each student based on ability level and needs.
- Students earn a Certificate of Accomplishment in this non-credit program.
- Some students may earn an Ontario Secondary School Certificate (14 credits) based on their achievement of credit bearing course expectations.
- A Transition Plan (part of the IEP) is developed to assist the student with the successful transition from school to work and/or the community.

### How the Program Is Delivered:

- The students will be grouped for a portion of the day each semester. The congregated portion of the program will be designed and taught by Special Education teachers.
- The program will focus on literacy, numeracy and personal life skills.
- For the other part of the day, the students will be integrated in a combination of other courses such as Religion in each of the four years, Physical Education, Visual Arts, Music, Technology, and Business depending on the year, student interest and school offerings.
- A focus in the students' senior years will be community and work experiences.

## Sample ACTIVE Program Schedule

### Grade 9, Grade 10 and Grade 11

Course	Mode of Delivery
Language & Communication Development Numeracy & Numbers	Congregated 1 period each semester
Personal Life Skills (recreational skills, vocational skills, social skills)	Congregated 1 period each semester
Religion	Integrated
<b>Plus 3 from:</b> other subject areas of interest	Integrated

### Grade 12 and Year 5, 6, 7

Course	Mode of Delivery
Language & Communication Development Numeracy & Numbers	Congregated – 1 period each semester
Exploring The World of Work	In school and community/work place experience
Religion	Integrated
<b>Plus</b> courses from other subject areas of interest	Integrated