

# Section A: INTRODUCTION



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***“We believe that equity of opportunity and equity of access to our programs, services and resources are critical to the achievement of successful outcomes for all those whom we serve, and for those who serve our school system.***

***The Board is therefore committed to ensuring that fairness, equity, and inclusion are essential principles of our school system and are integrated into all our policies, programs, operations and practices.” ~ TDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan***

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The Ontario Ministry of Education has set out expectations for improving the quality of special education programs and services in Ontario and for ensuring greater accountability in the area of special education. These standards support the government’s goal of ensuring that students with special education needs across the province receive the best quality education possible.

School boards are required to have a special education plan, in accordance with [Regulation 306](#) and the ministry policy document entitled [Standards for School Boards’ Special Education Plans](#). Each board is required to maintain a special education plan, to review/amend it annually to ensure it meets the current needs of its exceptional students, and to submit the plan to the ministry for review. The purpose of the special education plan is to provide the Ministry of Education and the public with information about special education programs and services that are provided by the school board.

The TDSB’s Special Education Plan is compliant with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Ontario Human Rights Code, the Ontario Education Act, the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and other relevant legislation. The plan is organized in sections as outlined in the Ontario Ministry of Education’s *Standards for School Boards’ Special Education Plans*, with the beginning of each section indicating the purpose of that section.

The TDSB values feedback on the Special Education Plan. Please click on the feedback link at the beginning of each section of the plan to offer comments and suggestions on the TDSB’s Special Education Plan by March 31, 2024.