

District Autism Support Teacher

Marianne MacKenzie Garrison



The role of the District Autism Support Teacher is to provide consultative support services to school based teams in their provision of support to students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. More specially, consultative service includes assessment, identification, development, and implementation mentorship in the following areas:

- Behavioural regulation and management;
- Curriculum development and training;
- Sensory management strategies;
- Social skills development strategies;
- Positive support strategies and enablers (i.e. visual supports, social stories, etc.);
- ABA-based discrete trial format training, where appropriate;
- Communication and language supports and strategies;
- Toileting and self-help programming;
- Socio-sexual education;
- Medication issues;
- Functional curriculum and life skills programming;
- Individual Education Plan (IEP);
- Functional Behaviour Assessment and Positive Behaviour Support Plans; and
- Safety Plans.



Marianne provides service on a student specific basis at the request of the school-based team. She supports all the schools across the district including elementary and high school.