

Community Access Program (CAP) (12+)

The Community Access Program is a district grade 12+ program. It is designed to service designated special needs students who have been assessed with Moderate Intellectual disability (IQ 50 or lower). These students would benefit from a bridging year between secondary school and adult programs. The program is currently hosted at Yale Secondary School.

The Goals of the Program are for students to:

- 1) develop employment skills,
- 2) develop social skills,
- 3) develop and practice independent life skills,
- 4) develop self-advocacy skills,
- 5) be exposed to a variety of community recreational activities

Priority for Acceptance to Program

- 1) School District No. 34 resource room students who meet all the program criteria (see below) will have priority placement.
- 2) Other eligible School District No. 34 students brought forward through Global Review may be placed in the program if space allows.
- 3) Eligible students from Private Schools may be placed in the program if space allows.
- 4) Students in this program must not have received their B.C. School Leaving Certificate (Evergreen)
- 5)

Criteria for students to enter the Program

Physical Characteristics

Students must be sufficiently independent in terms of personal care, mobility, daily living, communication, and emotional regulation.

Ministry of Education Designation

- Students will have been designated in one of the following Ministry of Education categories:
 - C Moderate Intellectual Disability
 - D Chronic Physical Health (and have an IQ of 50 or lower)
 - G Autism (and have an IQ of 50 or lower)
 - K (MID) Mild Intellectual Disability (IQ of 70 or lower with very low adaptive skills)

Self-Regulation

- Students must demonstrate emotional self-control and the ability to adapt to new and changing situations so that they can become independent in the school and community. (i.e. students must require limited supervision in the

community setting and be working towards using public transportation independently.)

Age/Years in School

- Students will have completed grade 12 in a resource high school program or on a modified inclusive program
- Students meet Ministry eligibility for funding for an extra school year or follow the age restriction as set by the School District #34. **(Students can be no older than 19 on the first of July of the school year.)**

Community Access Program Screening Committee will look for the following:

- ☐ Students who have been identified by a psychologist or other qualified professional as being in category C (Moderate to Profound Intellectual Disability). Students who are designated D (Physical Disability, Chronic Health) or G (Autism) who have an IQ of 50 or below and have low adaptive skills.
- ☐ Self-Regulation – students who demonstrate emotional self-control and the ability to adapt to new and changing situations so that they can become independent in the school and community.
- ☐ Students will have completed grade 12 **but have not received an Evergreen.**
- ☐ Students will have been registered in a school during the previous school year.
- ☐ Students can be no older than 19 on the first of July of the school year going into the CAP.
- ☐ Exceptions to the above categories may be considered.