

LAMBTON KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
TIMELINE FOR PRE-SCHOOL ENTRY OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families begin to think about options for school for the following year.
October/November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathways Health Centre for Children, Linck Child, Youth and Family Supports and/or the Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent clinicians begin compiling a list of those clients eligible for Kindergarten Year 1, and those clients who did not enter school when eligible for Kindergarten Year 1 or Kindergarten Year 2 (i.e., could be a child entering SK or Grade 1 and will be attending school for the first time.) Sarnia-Lambton – Clinicians determining child’s needs and obtain consent from families to exchange information with the School Board. Chatham-Kent – Clinicians distribute the “Tell Us About Your Child” forms to parents of moderate/high needs students to complete and return to the Special Education Coordinator. Chatham-Kent – Path to School Entry parent presentation is held by the Special Education Coordinator of the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) and St. Clair Catholic District School Board (SCCDSB) in collaboration with Linck Child, Youth and Family Supports and/or the Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent. Chatham- Kent Children’s Services and/or Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent clinicians invite parents to attend.
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarnia-Lambton – with parent consent, Pathways Health Centre for Children complete and share the names and needs of students with low, moderate and high needs beginning school in September. Chatham-Kent – Special Education Coordinator contacts Linck Child, Youth and Family Supports and/or Children’s Treatment Centre, with parental consent, to indicate the “Tell Us About Your Child” forms received.
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarnia-Lambton – School Entry Information Session for parents held by Special Education Coordinator of LKDSB and SCCDSB in collaboration with Pathways Health Centre for Children. Pathways clinicians invite parents to attend.

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February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KinderSTART. • Parent registers their child at appropriate elementary school. • Sarnia-Lambton – Pathways Health Centre for Children provides Transition to School Summary Packages to LKDSB Special Education Coordinator after it's reviewed with parents.
March/April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-school intake central meetings will be held -- at Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent in the Chatham-Kent and Pathways Health Centre for Children in the Sarnia-Lambton -- with agency representative(s) and parents. • Special Education Coordinator provides information and shares Transition to School forms (Sarnia-Lambton) and Tell Us About Your Child forms (Chatham-Kent) and any accompanying information with school personnel. • With parental consent, school personnel (Principal and/or Resource Teacher and/or Classroom Teacher) observes child in the pre-school setting (if applicable).
May/June/September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A School-Based Team Meeting is held at the receiving school for all students identified with moderate needs, and a follow-up to the central meeting for all high-needs students, to determine placement and needs for September. • The Special Education Coordinator arranges for transportation and/or medical interventions (i.e. gastrostomy tube feed, tracheotomy care, etc.) if required. • Meetings for students identified with low needs are held in the Spring or Fall at the discretion of the school, agency, and parents.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child begins school. • Follow-up School-Based Team Meetings as required.