



FULL DAY LEARNING PROGRAM REFERRALS

Thank you for your interest in the **Full-Day Learning Programs** at the Niagara Children's Centre School Authority for the 2023-24 school year.

The programs at Niagara Children's Centre School are full-day, interdisciplinary intervention programs for children with complex needs who require a specific period (1-2 years) of specialized educational and therapeutic programming.

The academic programming, based on the Ontario curriculum, focuses on the acquisition of early literacy and numeracy skills. Strategies determined by physical, occupational and speech-language therapies are integrated into the child's day to support their participation in educational programming. Therapy is provided by professional therapists working in consultation with the classroom team of special education teachers and educational assistants.

The learning environments are uniquely designed to meet the needs of the specific learners, and to maximize each child's potential to develop academic, physical, social and communication skills. Each child is encouraged to develop self-esteem, self-advocacy, independence and personal responsibility.

Transportation is provided for students who are accepted to attend the Niagara Children's Centre School Authority. Bus times vary depending on the distance between the home address and the school. Please be aware that a child's bus ride may take considerably longer than a direct car ride to the school due to the number of stops along the route.

Following the short-term placement, students and families are supported in transitioning to an appropriate community school placement.

Families are invited to review the following links for more information:

[VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE](#)
[ADMISSION TIMELINES](#)
[PROGRAM CRITERIA](#)

If you are interested in referring your child to the Niagara Children's Centre School please complete the following steps:

STEP 1 - By **Friday March 10th, 2023** fill out and email the two forms below with supporting documents to admissions@nccsa.ca or drop the package off in the secure School mailbox located at the Niagara Children's Centre School, 567 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines, ON L2T 4C2

**NCCSA REFERRAL FORM
CONSENT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION FORM**

STEP 2 - By **Friday, March 24th, 2023**. Create a two to three minute video highlighting the child's skills. Further information regarding how to upload the video will be provided once we receive the application, and consent to share information forms.

The consent to exchange information form, application form, and video should be emailed to admissions@nccsa.ca .

***Application does not guarantee acceptance into Niagara Children's Centre School.** The interdisciplinary selection committee reviews all applications. Parents/Guardians are informed of placement decisions in April.

Please note that we typically receive more applications than we have spaces. If you have any questions, require further information, or would like to discuss the appropriateness of a potential referral, please contact:

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