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*Caring and Safe Schools in Ontario*  
*Supporting Students with Special Education Needs*  
*Through Progressive Discipline, Kindergarten to Grade 12*

Special Education Policy and Programs Branch  
Ministry of Education



# ***Caring and Safe Schools in Ontario***

## Ministry of Education Strategic Directions

### **Overall Goals**

- High levels of student achievement
- Reduced gaps in student achievement
- Increased public confidence and support for public education

**NOTE: These goals include students with special education needs**

### **Special Education Goals**

- Improved student achievement and well-being
- Increased capacity of schools to effectively meet the needs of all students
- Support the development and implementation of effective Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
- Enhanced collaboration among schools, families and community partners
- Improved balance between teaching and learning, and required processes and documentation



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## Safe Schools Action Team Reports

- The ministry established the Safe Schools Action Team (December 2004)
  - *Shaping Safer Schools: A Bullying Prevention Action Plan* (November 2005)
  - *Safe Schools Policy and Practice: An Agenda for Action* (June 2006)
  - *Shaping a Culture of Respect in Our Schools: Promoting Safe and Healthy Relationships* (December 2008)





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## Ministry of Education Safe Schools Strategy (Cont'd)

- Amendments to the safe schools provisions of the Education Act (February 1, 2008)
- Policy/Program Memorandum No. 144 (October 19, 2009): Bullying Prevention and Intervention (replaces PPM No.144, October 4, 2007)
- **Policy/Program Memorandum No. 145 (October 19, 2009): Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour (replaces PPM No. 145, October 4, 2007)**
- Bill 157 (February 1, 2010): Additional amendments





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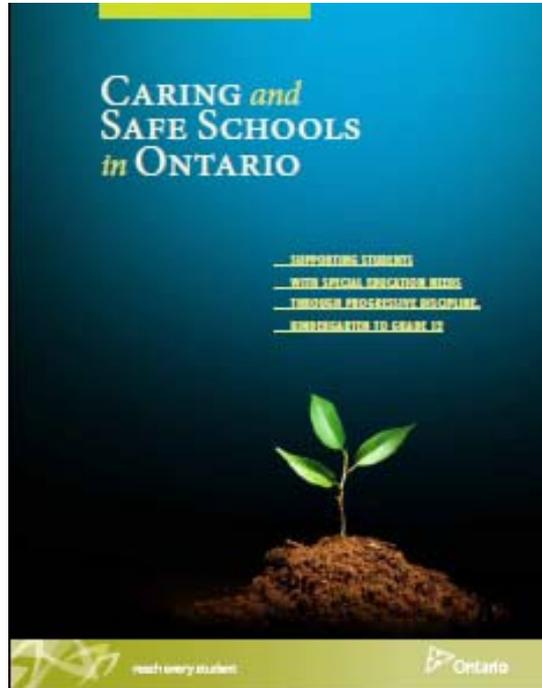
## **Purpose**

- Assist system and school leaders to promote and support a caring and safe school culture
- Provide information about appropriate strategies and resources to help system and school leaders address behavioural challenges for students, in particular students with special education needs



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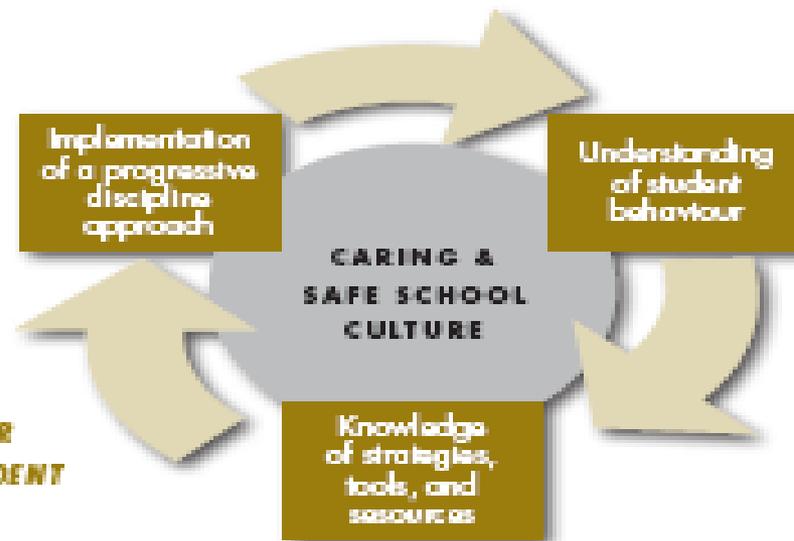


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## Introduction

### *Framework for Promoting Positive Student Behaviour*

■ The sample framework shown in Figure 1 depicts the components of a learning environment that is designed to promote student engagement and respond constructively to behavioural challenges.



**FIGURE 1. FRAMEWORK FOR PROMOTING POSITIVE STUDENT BEHAVIOUR**





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## Promoting Positive Behaviour

- Guiding Principles Set Out in Safe Schools Action Team Reports
- A Caring and Safe School Culture
  - ✓ Influence of School Culture on Student Learning and Behaviour
  - ✓ Assessing School Culture
  - ✓ Building a Safe and School Culture





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## Understanding Student Behaviour

- What Do You Need to Know?
- Specific Conditions Affecting Behaviour
  - ✓ Communication Disorders
  - ✓ Executive Function Deficits
  - ✓ Mental Health Problems

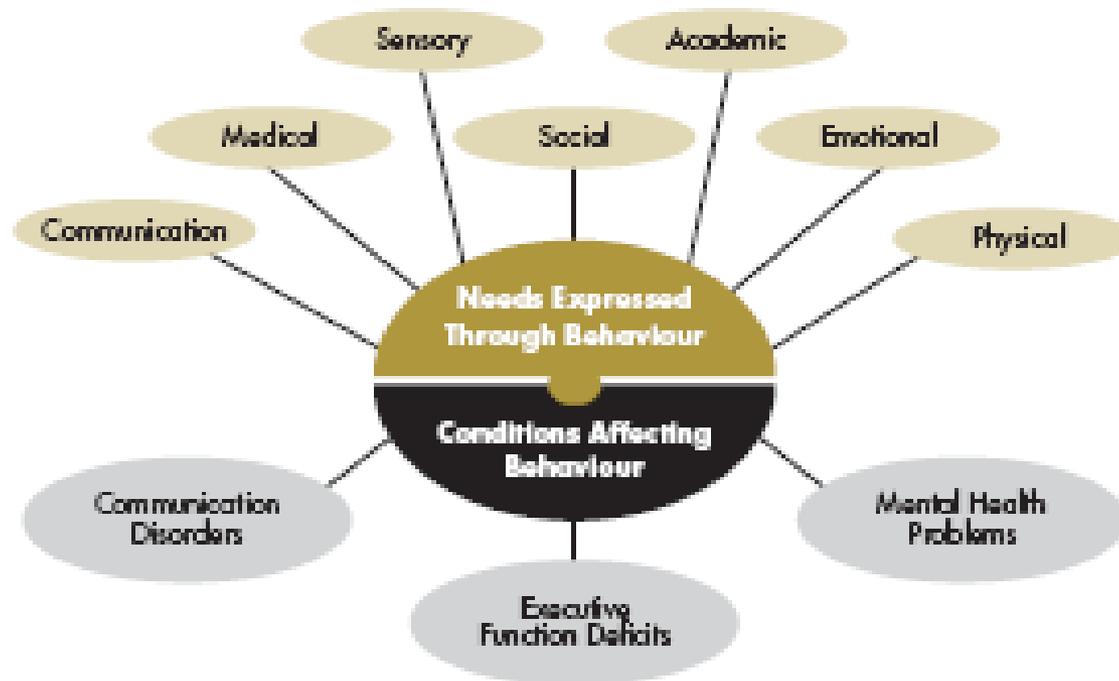




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## Understanding Student Behaviour

**FIGURE 4. NEEDS AND TYPES OF CONDITIONS AFFECTING STUDENT BEHAVIOUR**



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## Investigating Strategies, Tools & Resources

- Strategies to Promote Positive Behaviour
- Strategies to Address Inappropriate Behaviour
- Assessment and Planning Tools
- Print and Internet Resources



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## Addressing Behavioural Issues Through a Progressive Discipline Approach

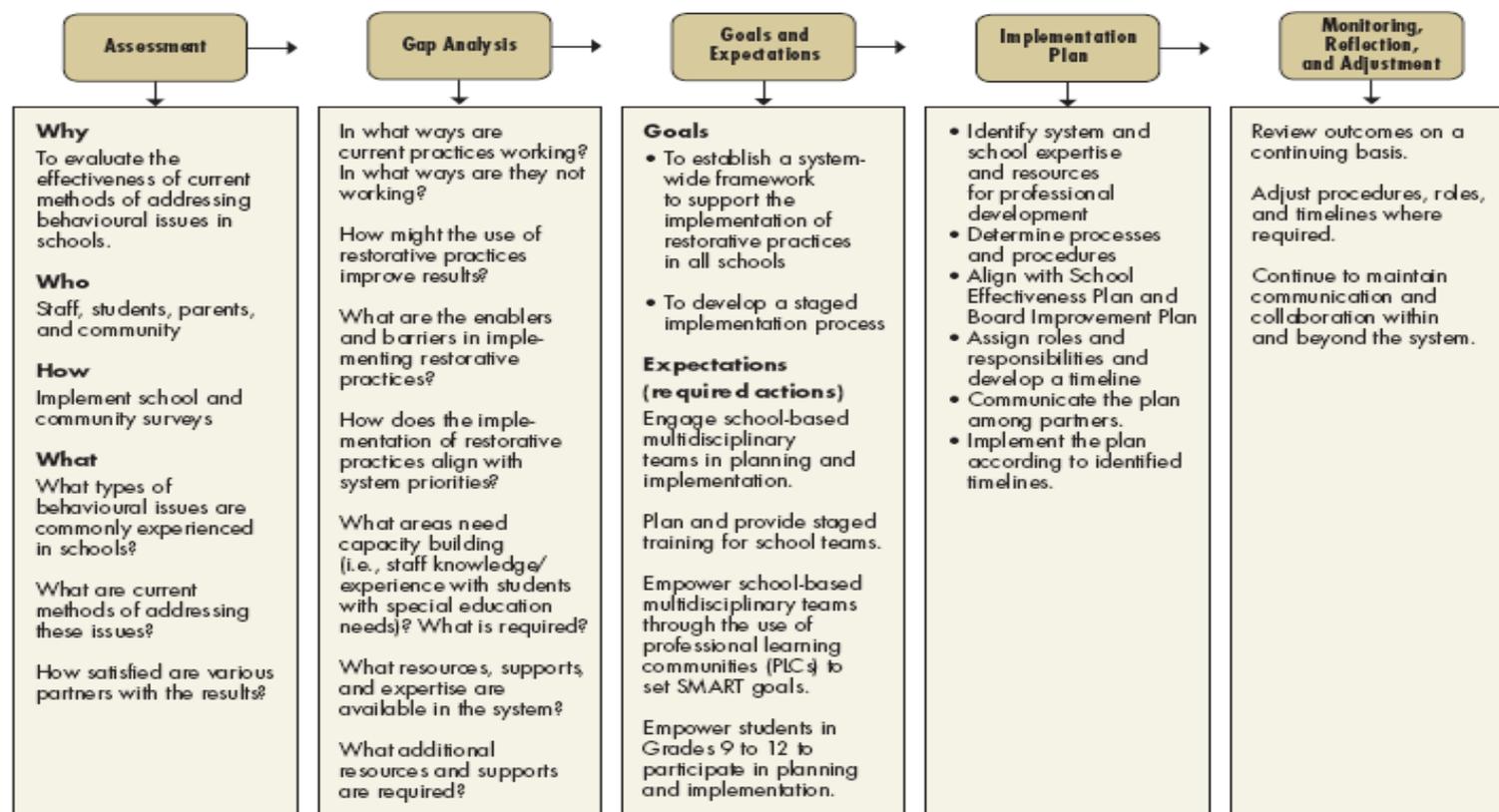
- Assessing Student Behaviour
- Considering Mitigating Circumstances and Other Factors
- Taking Action



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## Sample Planning Template

FIGURE 17: IMPLEMENTING RESTORATIVE PRACTICES, KINDERGARTEN–GRADE 12  
(SAMPLE PLANNING TEMPLATE FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS)





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- What system and school priority do you see this resource supporting in 2010-11 and beyond?
- How can you use this resource to support the achievement of a SMART goal identified in the needs assessment in the school board improvement planning process?

