

**Acronyms you may need to know:**

- OSSD** – Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- OSSC** – Ontario Secondary School Certificate
- OSSLC**- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course
- OSSLT** – Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
- SSAH** – Special Services at Home
- GPS** – Guiding the Process to Success

**The Thresholds Committee consists of representatives from the following:**

**Grade 9**

- Brockville and District Association for Community Involvement (613-345-4092)
- Career Services of Brockville (613-342-5775)
- Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (613-283-5007 #205)
- Community Living North Grenville (613-258-7177)
- Developmental Services of Leeds and Grenville (613-345-1290)
- Gananoque and District Association for Community Living (613-382-7702)
- Upper Canada District School Board (613-342-0371)

**Watch for the rest of this set:**

Grade 8    Grade 10    Grade 11  
Grade 12    Ages 18 to 21

**TRANSITION**

**ROADMAP**

**FOR FAMILIES OF**

**EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS**

**Grade 9**

Notes:  
(Things I should do next or soon. Questions I should ask.)

**Navigating a path for our children through school;**  
- from grade 8  
- through high school  
- up to the age of 21.

Thresholds is a Leeds and Grenville program that provides assistance to schools, students and their families before, during and after the transition from the school system to adult life in the community. Five agencies and both school boards have representatives who meet regularly as the Thresholds Committee.

It is very important for the transition process to begin as early as Grade 8, a milestone year as students get ready to move from elementary schools to high schools. Throughout the high school years, the transition process is reviewed regularly and builds to the move from high school to various options in adulthood. Our experience with families has shown us that parents would appreciate some guidelines; one mother said, "I would like to see a specific roadmap for parents because there are already too many variables in our lives that that we are not sure about...I just want to know what we need to do to make this as smooth as possible..."

The Thresholds Committee has prepared a set of six Transition Roadmaps to assist and empower parents to advocate on behalf of their children. There is one for each of Grades 8 to 12 and one for ages 18-21. Each roadmap provides useful information and prompts about school events and meetings. We hope that you find these roadmaps helpful as you navigate with your child from year to year on the school journey. If you require any other assistance, feel free to contact a member of the Thresholds Committee from the list on the back page.

**Participate fully in the High School Experience!**

