

BWDSB Proactive Intervention Team

(Previously Primary Intervention Team)

Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) recognizes the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach when supporting both educators and students. Challenging behaviours in primary grades create educator fatigue and an increased need to support through a universal lens. That universal lens incorporates building a sense of community and supporting student well-being, while being mindful of the importance of creating trauma-informed classrooms. Educators often request support in building strategies for their classroom. In response, BWDSB created PIT (Proactive Intervention Team) Clinic based on an ABA Clinic model established previously by Waterloo Region District School Board. By attending a PIT Clinic, educators can feel supported and validated, while also receiving considerations regarding reason for behaviours and resources from: Primary Behaviour Intervention Student Support, Mental Health Lead, and System Special Education Lead Teacher-Behaviour. Previously this model was created for primary school teams (Kindergarten-Grade 3), but due to the level of demand and the success, for the 2025-2026 school year, this will shift to Kindergarten-Grade 8.

Who Runs the Clinic?	<i>Behaviour Intervention Student Support, Mental Health Lead, and Special Education Lead Teacher-Behaviour</i>
Who Can Access the Clinic?	<i>Any educator in BWDSB can join the clinic.</i> <i>Always in attendance: Classroom Teacher, Learning Resource Teacher.</i> <i>Often in attendance: Early Childhood Educator, Educational Assistant, Administration</i>
What	<i>A multi-disciplinary team of professionals who offer support, considerations, and consultation to educators struggling with challenges in their classroom. Strategies are provided through a trauma informed lens.</i> <i>At the end of a clinic, a note is emailed to the educator outlining the considerations with links to resources</i>
Where	<i>Virtual clinic using the TEAMS platform.</i> <i>School teams book the meeting through a link that has been provided to all Administrators and Learning Resource Teachers. Links are also found in the email signature of team members.</i>
When	<i>Offered Monday and Wednesday from 8:15-4:15 until Christmas. Based on level of demand, this might change to half days during the winter</i>
What Next?	<i>After a couple of weeks of trialing the considerations made in clinic, the PIT will offer to go into the classroom and provide observations and meet with the classroom teacher to discuss any further challenges and next steps. Next steps might include some co-teaching opportunities, modelling, co-planning, or additional resource sharing. Each of these options is in collaboration with the teacher and administrator and based on their requests, and PIT availability.</i>