

## What is POPARD?

POPARD is a Ministry of Education program providing services to schools in BC for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). They provide consultation, training and support services to all public and independent schools across the province of British Columbia with a primary focus on increasing the capacity of school district staff to support students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

<https://autismoutreach.ca/about/>

## What does POPARD service in SD61 look like?

We have collaborated with our POPARD Consultant to design a service delivery that supports ProD and capacity building while maintaining access to Individual Student Consults for students that have had service from our in-house supports and specialists and may still benefit from additional professional perspective/support.

## When might a student be referred for an Individual Student POPARD Consult?

When, at both the school and district level, we have exhausted available supports and services, a student may be referred for a POPARD Individual Student Consult. Identification of students for this process is done at the district level based on referral data.

Only students who have had at least one completed District Collaborative Support referral will be considered.

## ProD:

### **School Teams Professional Development: A co-developed SD61 and POPARD learning experience “How To Be A Behaviour Detective”**

“How To Be A Behaviour Detective” focuses on conducting a Functional Behaviour Assessment (FBA) followed by creating and implementing a Positive Behaviour Support Plan (PBS). This includes online-learning modules and is supported with access to our POPARD consultant who can help the team with discussion and coaching around assessment and planning that supports your school’s unique context.

Expression of interest from schools for participating in POPARD supported ProD will be gathered yearly in the Spring.