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Mapping as a support for Exceptional Needs Students

As students with exceptional needs prepare to leave high school it is important that they learn to navigate their community, as much as each student is able.



Building a map together or building an online map for a student can be a visual support to help them identify landmarks, bus routes, safe places to stop for help, etc. as they travel from home to school and /or school to work.

Esri's ArcGIS Online Maps allow the map builder to draw routes, add photos of landmarks and include written descriptions of travel paths.

An online map can be saved and made accessible on students' devices or printed and laminated for a hard copy (recognizing that this is no longer a dynamic, interactive map) to carry with them as students move around their neighbourhoods.

The example presented is a map that shows a simple path that a student whose programming includes work experience, might travel from his/her high school, Murdoch MacKay, to the L'Arche Tova Cafe.

Link to Map: Going to my Job



Best regards! Pat Adams, Curriculum Consultant

