



SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN

SECTION 9: Specialized Health Supports in School Settings

SPECIALIZED HEALTH SUPPORTS IN SCHOOL SETTINGS

A number of children require Health Support Services in order to attend school or to assist them in their normal development. [The Ministry of Health](#) and the [Ministry of Education](#) share a joint responsibility for providing this service.

Through the Ministry of Health, [Community Care Access Centres](#) provide: nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, and dietetic services to enable children with special health needs to attend publicly funded schools. Referrals to these services are handled through the School Intervention Teams.

Through the Ministry of Education, School Boards provide:

- the administration of medications;
- lifting;
- positioning;
- feeding;
- toileting;
- maintenance of physiotherapy and occupational therapy;
- speech and language therapy (correction and remediation).

The services mentioned above facilitate the integration of children with special health needs into publicly funded schools. [Board Policy # ES 5565, Health Support Services](#) provides further details on the services provided.

Due to the widespread geographic area of Trillium Lakelands DSB, these supports are provided by different agencies in various regions of the Board.

The following link provides detailed information regarding the model for provision of specialized Health Support services.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/tbl81.html>

THIRD PARTY SERVICES

Further information on Third Party Services is available from the Superintendent of Special Education.

Additional References

[Policy and Program Memorandum #81 Ministry of Education](#)

[TLDSB Policy & Procedure Third Party Services ES-5020 and ES-5021](#)