



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, or designate 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.

[Procedure OP 6603 Medical and Health Management in Schools](#) 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.

Community Partnerships for Services in Schools

Further information on working with Third Party Services for student support can be found in [Procedure ES 5023 Community Partnerships for Services in Schools](#)