

## SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN

### SECTION 8: 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](#), the [Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services](#) and the [Ministry of Education](#) share a joint responsibility for providing these services.

The following types of services are available to enable children and youths with significant health or rehabilitation needs to attend publicly funded schools:

- nursing;
- physiotherapy;
- occupational therapy;
- speech and language therapy; and,
- dietetic services.

Referrals for school based rehabilitation services (e.g., occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech and language therapy) are made to:

- the Children's Treatment Network in Muskoka; and,
- Five Counties Children's Centre in Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton.

Referrals for nursing and health services are made to the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

Through the Ministry of Education, school boards provide:

- the administration of medication;
- lifting;
- positioning;
- oral feeding (not g-tube feeding);
- toileting;
- maintenance of physiotherapy and occupational therapy;
- speech and language services (oral language interventions, supports for students who are non-verbal, and comprehensive assessments)

The services mentioned above facilitate necessary health accommodations for children with special health needs in 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 public and private Third Party Services for student support can be found in [Procedure ES 5023 Community Partnerships for Services in Schools](#)