

## Occupational Therapy Services

The primary role of the Occupational Therapist is to facilitate increased independence in school related tasks, and, when necessary, provide accommodations which optimize the student's ability to participate, regardless of physical ability. This can include evaluation and integration of assistive technology devices in the classroom, evaluation and treatment of handwriting, fine motor issues, evaluation and intervention for oral motor/feeding issues, and addressing sensory issues that influence the ability to participate in school.

Occupational Therapies are provided as related services to students eligible for Special Education services. We provide educationally relevant therapy services to students, as specified in the IEP. Referrals are generated through the Student Support Team, with input from parents, teachers, and others involved in the student's education. The functions of the OT include evaluation, therapeutic intervention/treatment, documentation, and participation in staffings. We provide inservice training to teachers and other support staff on a variety of topics.

Occupational Therapy provides and maintains a wide array of adaptive equipment for students with a variety of disabilities. The equipment is utilized to facilitate optimal student performance and participation in the classroom, and, if utilized, is documented in the IEP.

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