

POLICY

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
(Okanagan Similkameen)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Reference: F-9
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The Board expects and supports the use of the Ministry of Education's Special Education Services: Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines (2006) in developing, delivering, and monitoring programs and services for students with special needs.

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1. In establishing services and programs for special needs students, School District 53 (Okanagan Similkameen) acknowledges and adheres to the recommendations of the 2006 Ministry of Education's Special Education Services: Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.
2. The Special Education Services: Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines provides details of:

Section A.

Policy

- Meeting the Educational Needs of all Children
- Planning Appropriate Educational Programs
- Education is a Shared Responsibility
- Access to an Appropriate Education
- Funding
- Greater Accountability

Section B.

Roles and Responsibilities

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| B.1 | Ministry of Education: Special Education |
| B.2 | School Districts |
| B.3 | Schools |
| B.4 | Parents |
| B.5 | Students |

Section C.

Developing an Individual Education Plan

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| C.1 | An Overview of the Process |
| C.2 | Identification & Assessment |
| C.3 | Planning |
| C.4 | Program Support & Implementation |
| C.5 | Evaluation of Student Learning |
| C.6 | Students with Different Cultural or Linguistic Backgrounds |

Section D.

Special Considerations: Services

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| D.1 | Learning Assistance Services |
| D.2 | Counseling in Schools |
| D.3 | School Psychology Services |
| D.4 | Speech-Language Pathology |
| D.5 | Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy |
| D.6 | Hospital Education Services |
| D.7 | Homebound Education Services |
| D.8 | Distributed Learning |
| D.9 | Funding Special Education Services - Update |

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Section E. Special Needs Categories

- E.1 Considerations for Reporting
- E.2 Intellectual Disabilities
- E.3 Learning Disabilities
- E.4 Gifted
- E.5 Behavioural Needs or Mental Illness
- E.6 Physically Dependent
- E.7 Deaf/Blind
- E.8 Physical Disabilities or Chronic Health Impairments
- E.9 Visual Impairments
- E.10 Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- E.11 Autism Spectrum Disorder

Section F. Provincial Resource Program

- F.1 Provincial Resource Programs – PRPs
- F.2 Eligibility for PRP Status
- F.3 Procedures for Designation
- F.4 List of Programs