

Physical Therapy

Physical Therapy is a related service that may be provided to an eligible student who needs developmental, corrective, or other supportive services to benefit from his/her Special Education program.

Physical Therapy services may be indicated when a student has a disability or a special need in one of the following areas:

- Mobility
- Posture
- Gait
- Strength
- Positioning
- Adaptive Equipment
- Gross Motor Development
- Neurological Functioning

Physical Therapists and Physical Therapists assistants work collaboratively with a student's IEP team to improve student access and participation in school and community settings.

Physical therapists provide professional expertise in the areas of:

- self-help skills
- foundational gross motor skills
- mobility skills (transfers, walking, and equipment use)
- posture and positioning
- recreational skills for age-appropriate play

Physical therapy interventions promote skill acquisition and environmental adaptation and are commonly embedded within the context of student activities and routines.