

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, and 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, and 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.