

## **Occupational Therapy Services**

Occupational therapy services are available to any student who is determined eligible through the evaluation process. It is important to note that a student may receive outside of school occupational therapy services from a medical condition that does not impact the child's education. Therefore, not all students receiving occupational therapy outside the school setting are eligible for occupational therapy from the school.

Occupational Therapists provide services to students both within the classroom setting and by taking the student out of the classroom to work individually or in small groups. The IEP team determines the number of therapy minutes received by each child. In addition, some services may be provided through consultation to classroom staff and not involve direct therapy with the student.

An Occupational Therapist will complete the evaluation and write the plan for services, but a licensed Occupation Therapy Assistant may provide actual services. The Occupation Therapist remains in contact with the Occupational Therapy Assistant and reviews the child's progress on a regular basis.

Occupation therapy works the student to improve fine motor skills and to access their education environment. The Occupational Therapist may be involved in seating/positioning equipment and making recommendations in regards to modifications with the classroom.

Occupation Therapists work closely with classroom staff as well as other related service providers. Occupation Therapists will complete and send home Quarterly Progress Reports for each quarter. An annual review meeting will be conducted to review your child's progress on individual goals and objectives then to determine goals and objectives for the next year.