

## **Physical Therapy Services**

Physical 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 physical therapy services from a medical condition that does not impact the child's education. Therefore, not all students receiving physical therapy outside the school setting are eligible for physical therapy from the school.

Physical 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. Often, the physical therapist works in conjunction with the physical education teacher to modify the physical education classroom to allow the student to participate in the class.

A physical therapist will complete the evaluation and write the plan for services, but a licensed physical therapy assistant may provide actual services. The physical therapist remains in contact with the physical therapy assistant and reviews the child's progress on a regular basis.

Physical therapy works with the student to improve gross motor skills and to access their educational environment. The physical therapist may be involved in seating/positioning equipment and making recommendations in regards to modifications with the classroom.

Physical Therapists work closely with classroom staff as well as other related service providers. Physical 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.