



# SCHOOL BASED PHYSICAL THERAPY

Helping Students Move, Learn & Belong

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# What is School-Based Physical Therapy?



**Support Students (3–21) to physically be at school, alongside their peers and participating to the best of their ability**



# WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY IN THE SCHOOLS?

## Students Age 3- 21

- **Mobility Support**
- **Physical Dysfunction**
- **Developmental Delays**
- **Cerebral Palsy**
- **Down's Syndrome**
- **Muscular Dystrophy**
- **Neurodegenerative Conditions**
- **Congenital deformities**
- **Visual Impairments**
- **Adaptive Equipment Support**



# Physical Therapy in the School Setting

- ☀️ State Mandated
- 🌸 Provide Access to Education for All Individuals (IDEA 1970s)
- ☀️ Special Education
- 🌸 Liason between the medical and education worlds
- ☀️ Consultant and Trainer for Student Safety & Mobility



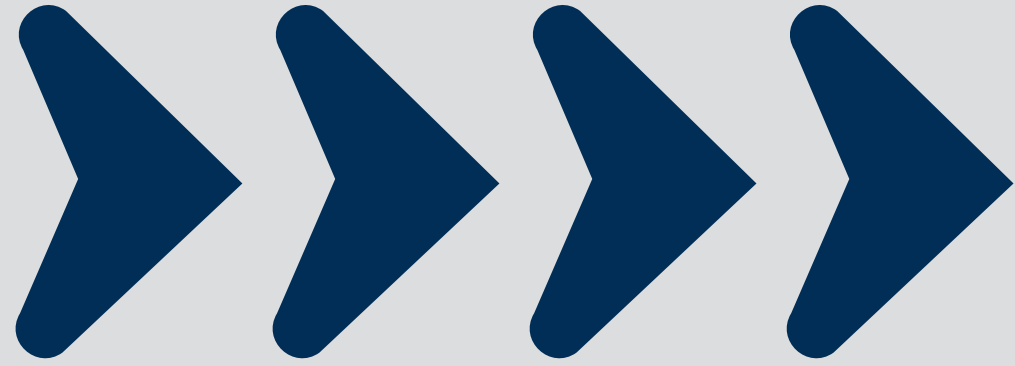
# Part of the Special Education Team

- Special Education Teacher
- General Education Teachers
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Nursing
- Vision & Hearing



# Physical Therapists support...





# Process of adding Physical Therapy

1. Referral
2. Evaluation
3. Team Meeting
4. Development of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Health Plan

Reimbursements and Medicaid Eligibility



# Examples





# Recent Celebrations

## School Forest

- Pavilion
- ADA Trail
- All Terrain Wheelchair



## Emergency Evacuation Chairs

- Elevators
- Trainings

## Special Education – Safe Body Mechanics Training



# Future Goals

## Accessible and Inclusive Play and Social Spaces

- Early Childhood
- Elementary
- Middle
- High School

Continue looking at innovative ways to help **students of all abilities** be successful at school.



# Thank You!



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