

Schools are also able to access PROVINCIAL RESOURCES to assist in program planning.

PISP - Provincial Integration Support Program

• develops programs for students with severe or profound multiple, physical and/or cognitive disabilities

POPARD - Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders

• assists staff, parents and children with autism and pervasive developmental disorders

POPFASD - Provincial Outreach Program for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

• provides training and resources about the effects of FASD on student learning and behavior

SET BC - Special Education Technology

• assists in meeting the technology needs of students with physical disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, moderate to profound intellectual disabilities or visual impairments

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN

Once a child's needs are identified as needing special education support, classroom teachers, parents and other school and/or district-based personnel come together to collaboratively develop an Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.).

The district employs a collaborative format in which teachers and staff jointly plan programs for students in consultation with parents.

An I.E.P. outlines what parents, students and others can expect regarding a specific child's educational program.

An I.E.P. contains:

- Goals...what the student will accomplish
- *Objectives...*skills the student will achieve towards the goal, where, when, or under what conditions and with what criteria for success
- **Strategies...** the monitored plan who will do what, when and how
- *Method of Evaluation...* how we know the objectives are met

School District #42 is committed to building positive relationships with parents and children.

If you require additional assistance or information please call Student Support Services at 604-467-1101 or refer to our website at http://schools.sd42.ca/sss

A PARENT'S GUIDE to SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES



Welcome to School District #42 Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows Student Support Services Website: http://schools.sd42.ca/sss

> Every Child Every Chance Every Day



Some children may require special education services to help them achieve the goals of education set out by the B.C. Ministry of Education.

Some children may also need a medical or psychoeducational assessment in order to help educators and parents determine their needs.



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?



The first thing you should do is contact your child's school.

Principals, teachers and other school-based team members are the keys to service access and will be able to provide appropriate interventions to most challenges.

However...

at times school-based personnel may initiate further referrals for specialized support from District staff. The District employs qualified personnel to assist the I.E.P. team in meeting the diverse needs of our students.

In collaborative consultation the I.E.P. team may be assisted by parents and...

COUNSELLORS - SCHOOL BASED

•provide counselling support to students, their families and teachers

FACILITATORS

- assist school-based support teams with individual programming for students
- offer workshops and resources to parents and educators regarding current trends and district initiatives

HEARING TEACHERS

• provide in-service, consultation, and/or direct support to meet the needs of students with a medically diagnosed hearing loss

HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND TEACHER

• instruct and support students, without a ministry designation, who are unable to attend school for medical reasons

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

- concerned with function and independence in activities such as school tasks, play and self-care activities
- assist in providing equipment, resources and technology to meet student's needs

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

- help students to improve their mobility, independence and physical fitness within the school and community
- assist in providing equipment and resources to meet student's needs

SCHOOL DISTRICT PSYCHOLOGISTS

- assist schools to identify the strengths and needs of students
- support school-based teams to plan educational interventions

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

- provide direct support to students with communication difficulties
- consult and collaborate with school-based teams to identify, assess and plan programs

SPECIAL NEEDS WORK EXPERIENCE FACILITATOR

- assists students with significant intellectual physical challenges to participate successfully in community work experience placements
- supports transition planning for post-secondary training and/or work

VISION TEACHER

• provide in-service, consultation, and/or direct support to meet the needs of students with a medically diagnosed vision loss

