SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Category Checklists – March 2009



		Student's Name
Mild Intellectual Disabilities		
Student base funding allocation		
(Revised September, 2004)		PEN
1701 Co	ode K	Date
To be e	ligible the following must be met	
	assessment documentation shows the student's intellectual functioning is 2 or more standard deviations below the mean on an individually administered Level C assessment of intellectual functioning (SS \leq 69); and	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
	assessment documentation shows there are limitations of similar degree in 2 or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) on a norm referenced measure of adaptive behaviour.	
	Note: every instrument has measurement error of approximately 5 points, so a student may be identified with a mild intellectual disability with an overall cognitive score as high as 74 when there are significant deficits in adaptive functioning. Similarly, a student with a cognitive score below 69 but no significant impairments in two or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) would not be identified.	
There is	documented evidence that	
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.	
	The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.	
	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	
	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation. These services are outlined in the IEP and relate to the identified needs of the student.	
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	
Reduction in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.		

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assessment documentation shows the student's intellectual functioning is 3 or more standard deviations below the mean on an individually administered Level C assessment of intellectual functioning (SS \leq 54); and	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
assessment documentation shows there are limitations of similar degree in 2 or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) on a norm referenced measure of adaptive behaviour.	
Note: every instrument has measurement error of approximately 5 points, so a student may be identified with a moderate intellectual disability with an overall cognitive score as high as 59 when there are significant deficits in adaptive functioning, but would not be identified with a moderate intellectual disability if scores in two or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) are not at a similar level.	
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The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	
The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.	
The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
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	functioning is 3 or more standard deviations below the mean on an individually administered Level C assessment of intellectual functioning (SS \leq 54); and assessment documentation shows there are limitations of similar degree in 2 or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) on a norm referenced measure of adaptive behaviour. Note: every instrument has measurement error of approximately 5 points, so a student may be identified with a moderate intellectual disability with an overall cognitive score as high as 59 when there are significant deficits in adaptive functioning, but would not be identified with a moderate intellectual disability if scores in two or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) are not at a similar level.

	Student's Name
Learning Disabilities	
Student base funding allocation	
(Revised July, 2006)	PEN
1701 Code Q	Date
	There must be documentation to support that the student has been
To be eligible one or more of the following must be met	appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
assessment documentation shows persistent difficulties in the acquisition of pre-academic skills such as recognition of letters and numbers in the	One or more academic difficulties relative to expected ability, and identified in documentation:
early primary years; and/or	Word Recognition, and/or
assessment documentation shows persistent difficulties in spite of	Reading Comprehension, and/or
remedial intervention in the acquisition of reading, writing and/or arithmetic skills; and/or	Spelling, and/or
	Written expression, and/or
 assessment documentation shows significant discrepancy between estimated learning potential and academic achievement (not 	Mathematical computations, and/or
discrepancy between verbal and performance abilities) as measured by	☐ Problem Solving
norm-referenced achievement instruments.	Various achievement instruments and cognitive tests can be used to document difficulty.
There is documented evidence that	Measures used as evidence of cognitive functioning:
Average or above ability, is demonstrated by either by a cognitive assessment or by average or better performance on a norm referenced	Full scale score, or other norm referenced estimate of ability with rationale for not using full scale IQ.
test of achievement in reading comprehension, mathematics problem	■ Verbal IQ or Performance IQ score
solving, or written expression (average is demonstrated by score(s) at or above one standard deviation below the norm).	Test of non-verbal cognitive ability score
Significant weakness exists in one or more of the cognitive processes	Norm-reference test(s) of academic achievement in reading comprehension, mathematics problem solving, or written expression.
relative to overall functioning.	Significant weakness in one or more cognitive processes, relative to overall functioning:
	Perception
	Memory
Assessments of cognitive processes must utilize norm-referenced	Attention
instruments; if other forms of assessment are used, they must be accompanied by a clear rationale for why the alternate assessment is	☐ Language processing
appropriate in identifying the student's processing disorder.	☐ Visual-spatial processing
	☐ Planning and decision making
	☐ Phonological processing
Assessment documents indicate that the difficulties being experienced	☐ Processing speed
are not <u>primarily</u> * due to sensory deficits, lack of opportunity to learn,	☐ Auditory processing
cultural or linguistic differences, or social/emotional/physical health issues.	Examples of evidence of other primary sources of difficulty addressed in assessment documentation
* Learning disabilities may coexist with other disorders such as	(✓ as appropriate):
behavioural or emotional disorders, sensory impairments, or other	Culture and language differences of the home
medical conditions.	Consistency of schooling and attendance
	Vision and hearing screening results
	Medical factors regarding social/emotional/physical
	health
	Other

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Learning Disabilities (cont'd)			
Student base funding allocation (Revised July, 2006)		PEN	
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There is	documented evidence that(cont'd)		
	The assessment integrates information from a number of sources (two or more).	Examples of documentation: Information from family about health social/emotional status and developmental history Information from professionals about health social/emotional status and developmental history Information from classroom teacher(s) about classroom performance Information from learning assistance/resource teacher about student performance Information from other professionals about strengths and weaknesses Relevant academic history Other	
There is	documented evidence that		
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.		
	The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.	Examples of strategies: Intense, direct instruction Skill-building instruction	
	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	Instruction in learning and compensatory strategies	
	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation. These services are outlined in the IEP and relate to the identified needs of the student.	Skill building in self advocacy Adaptations to instruction and assessment Adaptations to learning resources, technology	
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	Social skills training, etc	
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.		
	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.		
Reducti	on in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.		

Students Requiring Behaviour Support or Students with Mental Illness Student base funding Allocation (Revised August, 2008) 1701 Code R		Student's Name PEN Date
To be e	ligible the following must be met	
of one o	ment documentation from different sources provides evidence or more of the following: aggression (of a physical, emotional, or sexual nature) and/ or hyperactivity; and/or negative or undesirable internalized psychological states such as anxiety, stress related disorders, and depression; and/or behaviours related to social problems such as delinquency, substance abuse, child abuse, or neglect; and/or behaviours related to other disabling conditions, such as thought disorders or neurological or physiological conditions. documented evidence that shows The frequency or severity of the behaviours has a very disruptive effect.	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category. □ Functional behavioural assessment, for example, the Behaviour Disorders Instructional Support Planning Tool, and/or □ Other assessments by medical professionals or teams of professionals, and/or □ Norm referenced assessment, i.e., Behaviour Assessment System for Children (BASC), Connors' Rating Scale, Achenbach Child Behavior Checklist, etc.
	Behaviour(s) are evident over an extended period of time, in more than one setting, and with more than one person (teachers, peers). The student has not responded to support/ interventions provided through usual school discipline and classroom management	
strategies.		
_	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.	
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	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation. These services are outlined in the IEP and relate to the identified needs of the student.	
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	
Reduction in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.		

Students Requiring Intensive Behaviour Intervention or Students with Serious Mental Illness		Student's Name
Level 3 funding Allocation		PEN
(Revised 1701 Cd	d August 2008) ode H	Date
To be e	ligible the following must be met	Page 1 of 2
The bel	entation includes: a behavioural assessment and/or a mental health assessment naviour or mental health assessment indicates evidence of one or the following: antisocial, extremely disruptive behaviour in most other environments and consistently/ persistently over time; and/or severe mental illness diagnosed by a mental health professional (psychiatrist, paediatrician, physician, registered psychologist specializing in this area).	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category. Functional behavioural assessment, for example, the Behaviour Disorders Instructional Support Planning Tool, and/or Other assessments by medical professionals or teams of professionals, and/or Norm referenced assessment, i.e., Behaviour Assessment System for Children (BASC), Connors' Rating Scale, Achenbach Child Behavior Checklist, etc.
There is	documented evidence that indicates	
	The behaviour ☐ places student or others at serious risk and/or ☐ interferes with his or her academic progress and that of other students.	
There is	documented evidence that	
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	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.	
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
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	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	
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Students Requiring Intensive Behaviour Intervention or Students with Serious Mental Illness (Cont'd) Level 3 funding Allocation (Revised, August 2008) 1701 Code H		Student's Name PEN Date
There is	documented evidence that indicates	
_ _	The settings in which the behaviour is persistent over time. The district has exhausted resources/ capacity to manage. Planning is coordinated, across-agency and community (integrated case management/ wraparound).	
Docume	entation of services shows that	
	The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	
	evidence that one or more of the following special education are provided:	
	direct intervention in the classroom to promote behavioural change or emotional support as per IEP; and/or	
	placement in a program designed to promote behaviour change/implement IEP; and/or	
	ongoing, individual social skills training and/or instruction in behaviour/ learning strategies.	
Reduction in class size (or placement in an alternate program or learning environment) is not by itself a sufficient service to meet the criteria.		
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		Student's Name
Physically Dependent - Multiple Needs Level I funding allocation (Revised September, 2004) 1701 Code A		PEN
To be e	ligible the following must be met	
Assessment documentation shows that the student is completely dependent on others for meeting all major daily living needs. The student requires assistance at all times for each of the following:		There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
	feeding; and	
	dressing; and	
	toileting; and	
	mobility; and	
	personal hygiene.	
There is	documented evidence that	
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	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	
Reduction	on in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.	

		Student's Name
Deafb	lind	
Level I funding allocation (Revised September, 2004)		PEN
1701 Co		Date
To be el	igible the following must be met	
Medical	documentation shows that:	
	the student's vision is impaired (from partial sight to total blindness); and	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the
	that the student's hearing is impaired (from moderate to profound hearing loss).	school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
There is	documented evidence that	
	The degree of impairments, when compounded, results in	
	significant communicative, educational, vocational, and social skills difficulties.	
There is	documented evidence that	
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Reduction in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.		

Physical Disability / Chronic Health Impairment	Student's Name
Level 2 funding allocation	PEN
(Revised August 2008)	
1701 Code D	Date
To be eligible the following must be met	
There is documentation of a medical diagnosis in one or more	There is evidence of a medical diagnosis of
of the following areas:	The diagnosis has been made by
nervous system impairment that impacts movement or mobility; and/or	Note: For a diagnosis of a complex developmental behaviour
musculoskeletal condition; and/or	condition including FASD, it must be made by either the
chronic health impairment that seriously impacts students'	CDBC Network, or BCAAN Network, or
education and achievement.	a qualified medical specialist (paediatrician, psychiatrist, neurologist or a medical professional specializing in developmental disorders) in consultation with a multi-disciplinary team of specialists (i.e. registered psychologist, speech/language pathologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist).
Assessment documentation shows that	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
This student's functioning and education is significantly affected by his/her physical disability or chronic health impairment and/or	Students with mental illness should be reported in the behaviour category that matches their needs.
☐ The student with complex developmental behaviour conditions, including FASD, exhibits an array of complex needs in two or more domains which significantly impact the student's education and achievement.	Assessment documentation and other information should indicate that the extent and impact of the medical condition is such that there is a need for significant support services.
	For students with complex developmental behaviour conditions, assessment documentation must address an array of complex needs and identify two or more of the following domains as being significantly impacted:
	academic/intellectual functioning (development, learning, cognition*)
	social-emotional functioning (behaviour, mental health, social skills, peer relations*)
	self determination/independence (adaptive skills, safety, daily living skills*)
	physical functioning (neuro-motor functioning, motor skills, self care*)
	communication (receptive and expressive language, speech intelligibility/impairments*)
	* cross-reference to terminology used in the CDBC Framework
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		Student's Name
Visual Impairment		
Level 2 funding allocation		PEN
(Revised	d September, 2004)	
1701 CC	ode E	Date
To be e	ligible the following must be met	
	A documented report from an ophthalmologist, optometrist, orthoptist or the Visually Impaired Program at the BC Children's Hospital describes the student's vision impairment as one of the following : a visual acuity of 6/21 (20/70) or less in the better eye after correction; or a visual field of 20 degrees or less; or Any progressive eye disease with a prognosis of becoming one of the above within a few years; or A visual problem or related visual stamina that is not correctable that results in the student functioning as if his/ her visual acuity is limited to	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category. This category does not include students described as having visual perceptual difficulties.
There is	6/21 (20/70) or less.	
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.	
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	The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	
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	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	
Reduction	on in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.	
	A qualified teacher of the visually impaired provides the services.	

		Student's Name
Deaf or Hard of Hearing Level 2 funding Allocation (Revised July, 2006) 1701 Code F		Student's Name PEN Date
To be eligible the following must be met		Sale
Assessr	The student has a medically diagnosed significant bilateral hearing loss, a unilateral loss with significant speech/language delay, or a cochlear implant (typically documented in a report from a health professional such as an audiologist). Assessment information indicates that the student has substantial educational difficulty due to the hearing loss.	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category. Criteria for reporting of Unilateral Hearing Loss: There is an annual assessment; The unilateral hearing loss is moderate to profound; and,
		The student has educationally significant problems directly attributable to the loss.
There is	s documented evidence that:	
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	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	
Reduction in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.		
	A qualified teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing provides the services.	

	Student's Name	
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)		
Level 2 funding allocation		
1701 Code G	PEN	
(Revised October, 2008)	Data	
	Date	
To be eligible the following must be met		
Documentation of a diagnosis of ASD made by appropriately qualified professionals: BC Autism Assessment Network (BCAAN), or a paediatrician, psychiatrist or registered psychologist whose assessment meets Standards and Guidelines* and adopted BCAAN policy changes (Sept. 2006). Note: Students who are diagnosed with any of the cluster of	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category. Documentation must meet one of the following conditions for under age six at the time of assessment: Diagnosis of autism from a qualified specialist prior to Jan. 1, 2004 (completed prior to the introduction of the new Standards* in Jan. 1, 2004) the cities of the second standards in Jan. 1, 2004 (completed prior to the introduction of the new Standards* in Jan. 1, 2004)	
disabilities referred to as "pervasive development disorders" should now be identified in the ASD funding category.	2004) that will, in many but not all cases, include information from various professionals of different disciplines.	
There is documented evidence that A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year. The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals. The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified. The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student. The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need. The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	 □ Clinical diagnoses and assessment by a qualified specialist completed after Jan. 1, 2004 in keeping with the new provincial Standards*. The assessment must include and integrate information from multiple sources and various professionals from different disciplines. □ Documentation must meet the following conditions for over age six at the time of assessment: □ For students over age six who are identified in the category for the first time, school boards must ensure that a qualified specialist conducts a clinical diagnostic assessment. The assessment must integrate information from multiple sources covering development and presenting concerns; must include a mental status examination; must review community records and prior assessments; and must include consultation with professionals from other disciplines where deemed appropriate. Standards for diagnosis and assessment of students age six and over are reflected in the Sept. 2006 BCAAN policy changes. 	
The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	"Grandfathering" provisions:	
A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP. Reduction in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.	Students of any age who were identified by school boards in the Autism category in the 2005/06 school year will remain eligible for continued placement in this category, provided a previous documented diagnosis of ASD was made by an appropriately qualified professional, a current IEP remains in place and the student continues to receive ongoing special education services. Such students will be "grandfathered" on the basis that they were identified in the autism category at or before 2005/06, consistent with Ministry of Education requirements for that school year. All students with a documented diagnosis of ASD made by a qualified professional (registered psychologist, pediatrician, neurologist or psychiatrist) prior to January 1, 2004 should be deemed eligible.	
	* Standards and Guidelines for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Young Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder in British Columbia	

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(Revised September, 2004)		PEN
1701 Code P		Date
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To be e	ligible the following must be met	
	Accessored decompositation indicates the attraction to a	
Assessment documentation indicates the student meets the criteria of exceptionally high capability with respect to		There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district
intellect, or		as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
creativity, or		
skills associated with a specific discipline.		
As evidenced by several (2 or more) of the following:		
	teacher observations including anecdotal records,	
	checklists and inventories; and/or	
	records of student achievement including	
	assignments, portfolios, grades and outstanding talents, interests and accomplishments; and/or	
	nominations by educators, parents, peers and/or	
	self; and/or	
	interview of parents and students; and/or	
	formal assessments to Level C of cognitive ability,	
	achievement, aptitude and creativity, etc.	
Assessment documentation shows that		
	assessment and identification has used multiple criteria.	
	assessment has collected information from a variety of sources.	
There is documented evidence that		
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous	
	school year.	
	The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives,	
	with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and	
	strategies to meet these goals.	
	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	
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