

Kendall County Special Education Cooperative

ORTHOPEDIC/HEALTH IMPAIRMENT PROGRAM

Purpose

The KCSEC itinerant program for students with Orthopedic/Health Impairment serves school-aged students with physical disabilities and/or significant health conditions that cause an adverse educational impact. Facilitating participation in the school program and enhancement of student functioning across the environments of home, school, and community are the overall goals of the program. The Orthopedic/Health itinerant teacher collaborates with a variety of personnel to assure that the student's Individual Education Program (IEP) is fully implemented. Parent participation is encouraged with consultation provided as warranted to ensure success of the student.

Program Goals

- To identify students who have educational needs related to an orthopedic or health condition.
- To inform and educate school staff regarding characteristics of the student's physical/medical disability and issues related to the student's educational needs.
- To provide instruction to the student in issues related to his/her disability.
- To provide case management when appropriate.
- To identify and provide materials and/or equipment that offer access to the educational environment and curriculum.
- To assist and support school staff in the development of educational accommodations, modifications, and/or adaptations that will facilitate the student's learning and maximize participation in the school program.
- To facilitate communication between home and school and assist families with their child's needs related to his/her disability.

Entrance Criteria

- Determination of special education eligibility due to an orthopedic disability or health condition having an adverse effect on educational performance.
- A determination by the school-based IEP team that the student's needs require

the intervention and support of the Orthopedic/Health itinerant teacher.

Exit Criteria

- A student may exit the Orthopedic/Health Impaired program based upon the school-based IEP team's determination that the services of the O/H itinerant teacher are no longer required.
- A student may exit the Orthopedic/Health Impaired program based upon the school-based IEP team's determination that the student's disability or health condition no longer has an adverse educational impact.
- Students will exit the Orthopedic/Health Impaired program upon acceptance of a high school diploma or reaching the age of 22.
- A student will exit the Orthopedic/Health Impaired program upon the determination that he/she is no longer eligible for special education services.
- A student will exit the Orthopedic/Health Impaired program if the parent chooses to discontinue services.

Available Orthopedic/Health Impairment Programs

- Orthopedic/Health Impaired Itinerant Services. These services are provided to students with Orthopedic/Health Impairment aged 3 up to age 22 or upon acceptance of a high school diploma. The services may be provided in the general and/or special education settings. The O/H itinerant teacher may provide case management and/or direct services to the student; consult and collaborate with teachers and related service personnel; initiate and monitor accommodations, modifications, and adaptations to the curriculum and environment; and facilitate communication between home and school.

Related services are provided to Orthopedic/Health Impaired program students according to their IEP.