



Coordinated Specialized Services

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Supports for Students department is dedicated to helping every one of our learners experience success. Our multidisciplinary team helps identify, develop and share learning strategies and provide support in consultation with classroom staff. This team approach brings together diverse supports for both individual students and for the entire class. It also builds the capacity of our teachers to create the best learning environment possible for students. We offer assistance ranging from general classroom consultation and specialized assessments to parent sessions and in-services.

What kind of services are available?

EIPS employs a team of speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists and consultants to provide services in classrooms. Their work involves meeting with principals, teachers and parents to understand how best to meet the needs of students. In addition, EIPS works with outside agencies and private contractors to provide additional services on an as needed basis.

Any one of these professionals may provide general consultation to help the teacher develop student's skills, confidence and overall achievement. When this type of consultation is offered to a teacher, parental consent *is not* required.

Speech-Language Pathology and/or Occupational Therapy Observations

and Screening may occur throughout the school year. Through observation and discussion, the classroom team may determine that the student may benefit from more specific assessment or intervention. Parental consent for screening is *not* required. If there are any concerns, they will be discussed with you, and if intervention or assessment is recommended, your consent as a parent *is* required.

Assessment involves offering support to a child on a one-to-one basis and using informal assessment or a standardized test to understand the child's performance or ability.

Intervention occurs when the school decides that more targeted strategies would be beneficial for the student's success.

Please contact your child's school if you have questions or concerns.