

# Health Supports in Schools

## Administrative Procedure

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### Intended Purpose

The provision of health support services to school-age children involves services that extend beyond educational services and are the shared responsibility of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. The Halton District School Board shares the coordination and provision of services with the Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS) of the Ministry of Health.

### Procedures

1. Health Support Services  
HDSB Staff shall:
  - 1.1. Coordinate services with Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS) for students who require health supports provided by a health professional to attend school;
  - 1.2. Provide services such as lifting, positioning, and assistance with mobility, feeding and toileting for students who require such support to attend school;
  - 1.3. Participate in training at least annually and as needed for procedures identified on the following chart as being administered by HDSB staff;
  - 1.4. Collaborate with parents/guardians/caregivers to ensure delivery of service occurs in an appropriate setting, in the least intrusive manner, and respects the privacy and dignity of the student.

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Support Service	Administered By	Provided By	Training and Direction	Consultation
Medication: Oral, Nasal, Rectal	Student as authorized	Student	Attending physician	Local Board of Health
	Parent/Guardian/Caregiver as authorized	Parent/Guardian/Caregiver	Attending physician	Local Board of Health
	Educational Assistant or other personnel	School Board	School Board Physician	Local Board of Health
Injection of Medication	Student as authorized	Student	Attending physician	Local Board of Health
	Parent/Guardian/Caregiver as authorized	Parent/Guardian/Caregiver	Attending physician	Local Board of Health
	Health Professional	HCCSS	Ministry of Health	School Board
Lifting and Positioning	Educational Assistant or other personnel	School Board	School Board and HCCSS	Ministry of Health
Assistance with Mobility	Educational Assistant or other personnel	School Board	School Board and HCCSS	Ministry of Health
Feeding	Educational Assistant or other personnel	School Board	School Board and HCCSS	Ministry of Health
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Toileting	Educational Assistant or other personnel	School Board	School Board and HCCSS	Ministry of Health
Catheterization: Clean, Intermittent	Educational Assistant or other personnel	School Board	HCCSS	Ministry of Health
Catheterization: Sterile, Intermittent	Health professional	HCCSS	Ministry of Health	Ministry of Health
Manual expression of bladder/stoma	Health professional	HCCSS	Ministry of Health	School Board
Postural Drainage / Suctioning	Health professional	HCCSS	Ministry of Health	School Board

## 2. Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Services

HDSB Staff shall:

- 2.1. Coordinate services with Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS) for students who HCCSS deems qualified for physical or occupational therapy;
- 2.2. Participate in training at least annually and as needed for General Maintenance Exercises provided for a student;
- 2.3. Follow the General Assistive Exercises provided for students who are under the care of a Physical or Occupational Therapist. The HDSB recognizes that such programs complement but do not replace a therapy program provided by a trained member of a professional college.

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Acute/Intensive clinical (short-term treatment)	Qualified therapist in clinical setting	HCCSS	Ministry of Health	Ministry of Health
Assessment and Consultation	Qualified Therapist	HCCSS	Ministry of Health	Ministry of Health
General Maintenance Exercises	Educational Assistant or other personnel	School Board	HCCSS	Ministry of Health

### 3. Speech and Language Services

HDSB Staff shall:

- 3.1. Coordinate services with Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS) for students who HCCSS deems qualified for speech therapy;
- 3.2. Provide guidance to educators to support students with developing language needs;
- 3.3. Collaborate with the School Resource Team and parents/guardians/caregivers to determine whether an assessment should be completed.

Support Service	Administered By	Provided By	Training and Direction	Consultation
Speech Correction and Remediation	Speech Therapist Speech Language Pathologist	HCCSS	Ministry of Health	Ministry of Health

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Speech Language Pathology (language intervention)	Speech Language Pathologist  Communicative Disorder Assistant  Educator	School Board	School Board	
Speech Language (full assessment and screening)	Speech Language Pathologist	School Board	School Board	

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**Reference number:** Pending

**Cross-Reference:**

### **Legislation**

Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004

Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, 2004

### **Ministry Policy & Program Memoranda**

PPM 81 (1984)

### **Board Policies, Procedures & Protocols**

Health and Safety Policy

Administration of Prescribed and Emergency Medication Administrative  
Procedure

Privately Purchased Services for Students Administrative Procedure

Supporting Students with Diabetes Administrative Procedure

Supporting Students with Epilepsy and Seizures Administrative Procedure

### **Revision History**

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