



Intermediate District 287

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION – PROGRAM DESIGN

Itinerant Service

Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)

Target Population

The target population includes students, ages 5-21, who are eligible for special education and have educational needs due to sensory, perceptual or fine motor limitations that impact their ability to participate in their educational program.

Mission/Goals

Itinerant Services are designed to support students in their least restrictive environment. The services are customized to provide disability specific support within the local district curriculum, policies, and due-process procedures. The Occupational Therapist – Registered (OTR) is responsible for determining the Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant's (COTA's) competencies, under direct supervision, in performing specific evaluations and intervention components.

Components

Screening/Pre-Referral/Evaluation:

- Observe student's skills in educational settings
- Review student's records
- Interview Individual Education Plan (IEP) team members
- Administer evaluation tools as directed by the Occupational Therapist – Registered (OTR)

Participation in Individual Education Plan (IEP)/Individualized Interagency Intervention Plan (IIIP)

Development/Team Meetings:

- Attend IEP/IIIP and review meetings
- Attend team meetings; assist in planning program

Full Continuum of Service Delivery:

- Direct service to students who require short term intervention using unique strategies of support relative to occupational therapy
- Provide and/or customize adaptive devices/materials to support student's function
- Implement and document data collection on student's response to interventions
- Train and monitor educational staff providing interventions in student's daily routine

Family/Interagency Collaboration:

- Communicate with agencies and medical services
- Assist family in acquisition of adaptations for home use

Service Core

Staffing Includes:

- Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (directed by Occupational Therapist – Registered (OTR) from District 287 or local district)

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