

What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational therapy is a health care profession which addresses physical/functional limitations interfering with one's ability to successfully engage in "occupation". Occupational therapists refer to occupation as activities carried out by the individual in the areas of: self care, productivity and leisure.

Children, like adults have many "occupations" that they participate in everyday. A child's main occupation is to be a student, with learning and playing being the primary activities of this occupation.

In the school setting, occupational therapists assist students with sensory-motor difficulties to participate in the curriculum to their fullest potential and to engage more successfully in activity.

Through assessment and intervention, the occupational therapist will:

- adapt/modify the task, the tool, the method and/or the environment so that performance in activity is optimized.
- facilitate the progression of the developmental process (fine motor, gross motor and sensory)

Changes to the School-Aged Therapy Program SD #22

1. Name change to School-Aged Therapy Program
2. Primary Therapist Model with the goal to provide a comprehensive/efficient service to low incidence students
3. The School-Aged Therapy Program will take referrals for students in Level 1 and level 2 in the following Ministry Identified Categories:
 - *A Dependent Handicapped
 - B Deaf/blind
 - C Moderate/Profound Intellectual Disability
 - *D Physical Disability/Chronic Health
 - E Visual Impairment
 - F Deaf/Hard of Hearing
 - *G Autism

(*categories comprising the bulk of our caseload)

4. Referrals will be accepted on high incidence students and students with no Ministry designation **only** in extenuating circumstances e.g. student waitlisted for assessment at ICHAAN, Sunny Hill, by a pediatrician etc.

School Assignments for the 2009-2010 School Year

Anne Ross

Clarence Fulton (& RR)
WL Seaton
Alexis Park Elementary
Beairsto Elementary
BX Elementary
Ellison Elementary (& RR)
Harwood Elementary
Mission Hill Elementary (& RR)
Okanagan Landing
Alternate Schools

Elaine Reimer

Charles Bloom
Kalamalka Secondary
Vernon Secondary (& RR)
Cherryville Elementary
Coldstream Elementary
Hillview Elementary
JW Inglis
Kidston Elementary
Lavington Elementary
Silver Star Elementary