

SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AND CHILDREN

Background

Increasing numbers of students and children require specialized services, during school and Early Childhood Services (ECS) program hours. Therefore, the Division will work together with members of the community and community agencies to serve the needs of students and children who are "at risk" or who have special needs.

Procedures

1. In order to minimize duplication of effort and improve access for, and responsiveness to, children and families in need, the Division is committed to working together with other community agencies, organizations and associations; other local education authorities within and across school districts, including operators of Early Childhood Services (ECS) programs; and regional authorities, including Alberta Health Services and Child and Family Services Authorities. Peace Collaborative Services (PCS) is a multi-disciplinary team that works with Learning Supports to provide a variety of services for children and students in Peace River School Division.
2. To serve the needs of students and children in each school community, principals and, where appropriate, other staff members, will take an active role to initiate or participate in working together with Peace Collaborative Services, other members of the community and community agencies to improve services.
3. In cases where efficiencies can be realized through the provision of centralized services (such as Peace Collaborative Services) available to all school communities within the Division, the Superintendent or designate, will initiate, develop and/or participate in partnerships designed to improve services to students and children.
4. Procedures in working together with members of the community will be consistent with provincial policies and procedures, including the Standards for Special Education.

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Reference: Section 11, 33, 52, 53, 196, 197, 222 Education Act
Regional Collaborative Service Delivery Terms of Reference
Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12
Standards for Special Education
Standards for the Provision of Early Childhood Special Education