

Independence is a fundamental goal of successful inclusion and is necessary for successful transition into the community for adult life.

When an adult provides physical support to a student in a classroom, a great deal of caution must be exercised to prevent conveying the message that if the student needs help, the support person always will provide assistance. This can prevent interaction with (others), build dependence and prevent skill acquisition by classmates and teachers. The support person should be viewed as an adaptation to the environment and, like all adaptations, should be faded if and when it is appropriate.

(Support Networks for Inclusive Schooling, Vandercook & York, p.112)

Support will be provided using the following principles:

- √ Requests should reflect an expectation that wherever possible, students benefit from shared support (i.e. 2 students in one classroom with one education assistant). This reflects funding realities and is consistent with effective practice. Classroom organization should support this principle, and plan for shared support whenever possible
- √ Students should be demonstrating a gradual increase in independence and, therefore, a gradual decrease in time required.
- √ In all but a few very exceptional circumstances, students benefit from some independent strategies (time on the computer, activities on tape, participating in silent reading or drawing, etc.), it is beneficial for the student with special needs and reduces the difficulties around scheduling breaks.
- √ Education Assistant time should support goals in an IEP which has been reviewed within the last calendar year.
- √ A final funding allocation will be based on the information provided from INADS, consultation with school and district staff and a review of the student's red binder documentation. In addition, individual student needs are taken into consideration.

Note: Complete for each student coded A-H currently in grades K-11 and for incoming pre-schoolers who are coded A-H.

1. Student Name:	_____	Total Funding This Year:	_____
2. Current School Name:	_____	Ministry Code:	_____
3. Transitioning to new school? Yes: _____ No: _____		Receiving School:	_____
4. Upcoming Grade:	_____	School Hours (# per day):	_____
5. Extended Day: Yes: _____ No: _____		2018 - 2019 INADs score:	_____
6. Student Rides bus: Yes: _____ No: _____		(if applicable)	
Attends School: Full Time: _____ Part Time: _____			
If part time, indicate how many hours & why:	Weekly hours of attendance: _____		
Reason: _____			

7. Date of last IEP meeting/review which included/consulted directly with parents: _____

8. Names of other students in school/grade who could possibly share support:

_____	going into grade _____	Ministry Designation _____
_____	going into grade _____	Ministry Designation _____
_____	going into grade _____	Ministry Designation _____

9. Describe what you are doing to promote the student's increased level of independence/ functioning: *refer to specific IEP goals if necessary

SSS documentation (office use only)

Total number on supports intensity scale: _____

Supports Intensity Scale

5 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50
Very low intensity and/or frequency	Low intensity and/or frequency	Moderate intensity and/or frequency	High intensity and/or frequency	Very high intensity and/or frequency

Signature of person completing form: _____ Date: _____

Principal's signature and verification of a current IEP in place: _____

Safety/Behaviour: Use 0 if not applicable

1	2	3	4	5
Will "shut down" and/or needs reminders	May disrupt the learning environment at times	Disrupts the learning environment on a daily basis	Leaves assigned areas and/or runs away and/or destroys property <i>*4 or more considerations below must be in place</i>	Injures self or others - may need two people to intervene <i>*all considerations below must be in place</i>

Other Considerations on above needs:

Safety Plan in place:	Yes	No
Positive Behaviour Support Plan in place:	Yes	No
Current & past documented evidence of extreme behaviors	Yes	No
Extreme difficulty transitioning from class to class?	Yes	No
Evidence of current outside agency involvement	Yes	No
Teacher consult with applicable itinerant staff	Yes	No

(e.g. Integration Support Teacher/Psych/PT/OT/SLP/Vision/Hearing) - **please circle

Communication: Use 0 if not applicable

1	2	3	4	5
Needs reminders to use language appropriately and to check for understanding	Difficulty using social language; may need social stories and scripts	Some difficulty expressing needs and wants; some difficulty understanding instructions	Very difficult to understand; poor receptive language; difficulty processing all language	Needs an augmentative communication system (non-verbal)

Academic Support Use 0 if not applicable

1	2	3	4	5
Needs assistance to participate	Needs assistance to organize materials	Needs some adaptations to learning materials	Needs more intensive adaptations and/or modifications - including technology	Needs intensive one-on-one support for any learning activity (even with adaptations or modifications)

Social Skills Use 0 if not applicable

1	2	3	4	5
Needs some monitoring and coaching	Needs assistance and prompting	Needs monitoring and social skill instruction	Needs more intensive, formalized social skill instructions on a weekly or bi-weekly basis	Needs intensive one-on-one support for social activity (may injure peers or have severe problems with others)

Community and/or Life Skills Training Use 0 if not applicable

1	2	3	4	5
Needs monitoring in class and/or community activities or occasional life skills activities	Needs support and monitoring to access life skills or community IEP goals	Participates in an adapted program for group life skills and community programs	Participates in a modified program for group life skills and community programs with support	Participation in community and life skills training and requires intensive one-on-one support (as part of IEP goal)

(Total by adding boxes above)

Comments:

Please discuss any extra considerations (i.e. hearing aids), what kind of support you think this student will need to meet their IEP goals and how supports will be organized in the school to allow shared support when possible:

Work Experience:

Is the student completing a work experience placement?

Yes: _____

No: _____

Please provide details of work experience plans:

Transition:

Please provide details of transition plans identifying how support would be used:

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