



EXEMPTION FROM SPECIALIST PROGRAMS POLICY

DEFINITION

Students involved in the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) may be exempt from participation in a specialist program where a “reasonable adjustment” is needed.

RATIONALE

Students who are part of the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) may require a modified or alternative program.

AIMS

To provide the most appropriate program for students who are part of the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD)

IMPLEMENTATION

- Parents and/or teachers may request that a student be exempt from a specialist program.
- The parent or teacher who makes the request needs to put it in writing to the PSD coordinator and principal class.
- The specialist teacher needs to be consulted about the request.
- Parents must always be part of the final decision.
- Once exemption has been granted parents to sign the authority letter to be placed in the student and central files.
- PSD students who are exempt must be supervised at all times by an education support staff member or designated support person.
- This time may be counted as class support time.
- Annual monitoring of exemption is required as part of the Student Support Group process (SSG).

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed in line with best practice.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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