



Treaty 8 Education Commission Special Education Newsletter

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Welcome Back to School! Welcome to Our First Special Education Newsletter!

What is Special Education?

Special Education promotes academic success and life long learning which focuses on the holistic approach to learning (mind, body, spirit and emotion). Special Education is the adaptation of services provided, special equipment and learning environments for students to achieve goals and objectives agreed upon in their Individual Education Plan (IEP). Special Education assesses and identifies learning needs. Special Education includes the gifted student.

Upcoming Events:

"Assessment for Aboriginal Learners"

October 28, 2005 8:30am-4:30pm

ATA Barnett House Auditorium

11010-142 Street Edmonton AB

Registration Deadline: October 14, 2005

Registration Fee: \$100.00

Contact Numbers:

1-780-492-5339 or 1-780-430-5339

A.M. Keynote speaker and Presentation "How an 'assessment for learning' approach can help FNMI learners

P.M. Breakout Sessions:

1. Culture Fair Assessments for Aboriginal Children
2. The Ecological Model
3. Assessment Applications used by Amisk Community School
4. Assessments Practices with Aboriginal Students
5. Effective Assessments for FNMI Learners
6. Increasing Student Learning with Kaina Board of Education

Important Dates :

NOMINAL ROLL: DUE October 15, 2005

Appendix B: Severe Disabilities

New and continuing students

DUE October 31, 2005

Appendix C: Mild/ Moderate Disabilities

New and continuing students

DUE October 31, 2005

**Any questions call: Eileen Lines @ 780-444-9366

How will a Special Education RMO help First Nation students?

A Treaty 8 Special Education Regional Management Organization (RMO) will offer:

- ✓ Special Education Funding flowing through Treaty 8
 - ✓ Assessment & Evaluation with Reviews at Treaty 8 level
 - ✓ Professional Development training
 - ✓ Program Development
 - ✓ Data Collection
 - ✓ Parent / Family / Community Engagement
 - ✓ Communication and Collaboration for Special Education
 - ✓ Language and Culture Revitalization
 - ✓ Resources / Resource Lending Library
 - ✓ FN/RMO Reporting - Accountability
 - ✓ Special Education Policy
- **Treaty 8 is currently in a position to develop an RMO for Special Education. This year we will be engaging First Nation members within Treaty 8 for grassroots direction regarding Special Education.

Band Operated Schools (17)

Chief Tallcree North
 Chief Tallcree South
 Jean D'or Prairie
 Jean Baptiste Sewepagaham
 Sister Gloria
 Dene Tha' Community
 Horse Lake
 Sturgeon Lake
 Driftpile Community
 Swan River First Nation
 Oski Pasikoniwew Kamik
 Clarence Jaycox
 Atrakameg Sovereign
 Cadotte Lake
 Chipewyan Prairie High
 Sucker Creek First Nation K4-K5
 Upper Hay River Day School

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Special Education Funding

- ✓ \$11,000.00 - for each child identified with a severe disability - Category # 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

CLUSTERING

- ✓ \$7,500.00 - First 2 students in Category 2
- ✓ \$1,500.00 - Next 3 students in Category 2
- ✓ \$750.00 - Next 5 students in Category 2
- ✓ \$375.00 - Remaining students in Category 2
- ✓ \$1,000.00 - First 2 students in Category 7
- ✓ \$500.00 - Next 3 students in Category 7
- ✓ \$250.00 - Next 5 students in Category 7
- ✓ \$125.00 - Remaining students in Category 7

Assessment Tips

- ✓ Be discriminate regarding individual assessments
- ✓ Follow assessment tips with Special Education Guidelines
- ✓ Shop around! Establish contacts.
- ✓ Plan and begin assessments early.

Discoveryschool.com

A website for teachers!

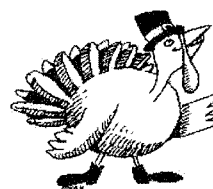
Meet individual needs!

Puzzlemaker! Lesson Planner!

Worksheet Generator! Quiz Center!

Brain Boosters! Clip Art Gallery!

Study Starters! Homework Helper!



Special Education Disability Categories:

<u>Severe - Appendix B</u>	<u>Mild / Moderate - Appendix C</u>
<u>Categories 1-7</u>	<u>Categories A-G</u>
1. Severe cognitive	A. Cognitive
2. Severe Emotional / Behavioral	B. Emotional / Behavioral
3. Severe Multiple	C. Multiple
4. Severe Physical or Medical	D. Physical or Medical
5. Deafness	E. Hearing
6. Blindness	F. Visual
7. Severe delay involving language	G. Communication

**Refer to the Special Education Guidelines 2005/06 Severe & Mild / Moderate Disability Funding for First Nation Schools, where specific criteria is listed for each category.

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