

## Orthopedically Impaired (OI) Services

The district OI program provides students with physical and health impairments with the support that they need to actively participate in the curriculum and educational environment. The program aims to create an educational environment that promotes self-help activities, self-advocacy, and independence.

Students who qualify for the service have a physical, health or neuromuscular disorder that interferes with their access to mainstream educational program. All students have personalized educational plans with specific instructional strategies to address individual differences.

Assessment and goals are developed through annual Individual Education Programs (IEPs) in collaboration with students, parents, service providers, and school site personnel.

Services include:

- Personalized educational plans with specific instructional strategies
- Collaboration with classroom teachers, special education personnel, outside providers and parents regarding specific needs related to academics, communication, self-advocacy, health, and mobility.
- The use of assistive technology to support effectively the educational program when appropriate.
- The use of alternative and augmentative communication and techniques to support effectively the educational program, when appropriate.