

Physical Therapists (PTs) and Occupational Therapists (OTs) are hired to work within the Department of Education in order to meet IEP mandates for the related services of Physical and Occupational therapy. PTs and OTs are not pedagogues; they are not trained to perform instructional activities, and their professional license does not allow them to clinically treat groups or individuals unless those individuals have a doctor's prescription for the mandated service. Therapists are administrative employees with their own areas of expertise. When not directly servicing children on their caseloads, appropriate indirect services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Designing, constructing and modifying adaptive desks, chairs, and other equipment for classroom use, and instructing teachers, paraprofessionals, parents and other staff in the use of these materials.
- Contacting primary care facilities regarding students medical issues, adaptive equipment, etc, as it relates to the continuity of services both in school and home setting.
- Maintaining and repairing wheelchairs and other adaptive equipment in conjunction with primary medical facilities.
- Documenting treatment sessions.
- Conducting and documenting classroom screenings and initial evaluations.
- Training paraprofessionals in student transfers, wheelchair management, etc.
- Working with classroom staff to train them in student transfers, wheelchair management, pre-handwriting assessment and handwriting training techniques, etc.