



## Learning Services

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### PT Referral Process

1. Support teacher (ST) can initiate a **pre-referral consult** for a student who meets the criteria described on the Physiotherapy (PT) Referral page of the Learning Services (LS) Referral. **Criteria for PT referral:** Diagnosis implying a physical disability, equipment needs (e.g. prescription, maintenance, monitoring), and school support is available to implement programming. Pre-referral consult can be initiated through email or in person.
2. The PT resources on the LS website can also be looked at for strategies to support student needs. Website link is in the therapist's email signature or here: <https://ls.sd42.ca/otpt-resources-for-school/>
3. **Pediatrician/specialist reports:** Often physicians will recommend students be referred to school PT. This does not mean the referral is appropriate/necessary; please check with your school therapist directly.
4. A one-time consultation can occur at the discretion of the therapist based on needs of the student.
5. If a formal referral is approved by your physiotherapist and a PT plan is determined, ST will obtain parent consent. PT signature is required before it is submitted to LS. PT will either sign off on the referral form (if pre-referral consult is completed in person at the school) or send an email with approval to ST and LS admin. ST to indicate 'approved via email' in signature box beside therapist name and attach email to referral.
6. If a referral comes into LS **without** a PT signature, or no email attached, then the referral will not be processed. LS will contact ST to follow up directly with the therapist regarding student needs.