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STUDENT AID PROGRAMS

Financial Support for Special Needs Students Attending External Assessment and/or Treatment

Preamble

Generally Kelsey School Division has the necessary expertise on staff to diagnose and assess the majority of difficulties experienced by special needs students. However, occasionally new techniques and methods arise which hold promise for some students who experience particular difficulties either academically or behaviourally. In order to do this and so assist the Division in better meeting the needs of the students, the following shall apply:

- 1) In any case, where a student is deemed to have a specific learning disability, an assessment by the professional staff of the Division must be done. This will generally involve the psychologist, speech/language pathologist, and resource teacher. The staff must agree that further assessment beyond that available in the Division is necessary.
- 2) A meeting with parents to explain the assessment must be held, and parent involvement, agreement, and support is necessary.
- 3) Once agreement from all parties is established and a possible solution explored and agreed to, a request for some financial assistance may be made to the Division office (Superintendent's department). An estimated preliminary budget must be included.
- 4) Support in the form of a grant for assessment purposes will be considered by the Superintendent.
- 5) Consideration for training of staff in the techniques and methods put forward will take into account the specific needs for the Division, the future potential use of the techniques and methods and the time and expense involved in the training of staff.
- 6) The staff so trained will be expected to provide professional development sessions for other staff in the Division.

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7) Due to limited funding available in the budget each year, requests of this nature will be dealt with on a first come, first served limited basis and shall be subject to approval depending on the following criteria:

- the number of requests within the budget year.
- the potential for assistance to other students.
- the availability of similar assistance within Kelsey School Division.
- the total educational benefits for the school Division.

NOTE: No more than 2 students per year will be funded.