DoE Support Services

At the Department of Education, students can apply for access to a support class, school for specific purpose (SSP), hearing or vision support or some additional funding in a mainstream environment.

Eligibility

To access these services, students need to **meet criteria and submit an application.** The Learning and Support Teacher at your local school can assist with this application and process.

When to contact the School

If families would like to apply for additional support for their child starting Kindy, it is important they contact their local school early in the year prior.

Parents are encouraged to make contact with their local school as **early as May,** taking along copies of diagnosis and other medical and therapy reports.

Support class and SSP applications need to be submitted by **25 July 2025** to make the main placement panel.

Note: Applications can be made after these dates as Panels are held Week Three and Seven of each term.

Please encourage families to contact their local school if they have any questions about support services and the application process.

Transitioning children with additional needs

If you have a child attending your center with additional needs, please encourage families to visit their local school who will assist with their transition. To find a local school visit https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au

For additional information about support services within the Department of Education head online to https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/inclusive-learning-support

For further assistance supporting Transition to School contact

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