



**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL**

**KEVIN McCORMICK  
DIRECTOR**

**KEITH OSWALD  
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT/CHIEF OF SCHOOLS**

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION  
3300 FOREST HILL BOULEVARD, A-203  
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33406  
PHONE: 561-434-8740 / FAX: 561-434-8384  
[WWW.PALMBEACHSCHOOLS.ORG/ESE](http://WWW.PALMBEACHSCHOOLS.ORG/ESE)

**GLENDA SHEFFIELD, Ed.D.  
CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**

**DIANA FEDDERMAN  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/TEACHING & LEARNING**

## **School District of Palm Beach County Department of Exceptional Student Education Private School Program**

Kim Doyle, Private School Program Administrator  
561-434-8895  
Rubie Odom, Secretary  
561-434-8287

### **FAQs**

#### **What services are available through the School District's Private School Program?**

- Speech/Language Therapy: Up to 60 minutes a week of group therapy.
- Direct Supplemental Reading Intervention: Up to 120 minutes a week of group instruction for students performing more than one year below grade level.

#### **Who can receive services?**

- Students with disabilities who have an IEP from a public school.
- Students determined to have a disability by the School District while enrolled in a private school.
- Students with disabilities attending a private, not-for profit school that has a Cooperative Services Agreement with the School District can receive reading services and speech/language therapy.
- Students with disabilities attending a private, non-for-profit school that does not have a Cooperative Services Agreement can receive speech/language therapy at a public school site.
- Parents can contact Rubie Odom to request services. 561-434-8287

### **How can a student be determined to have a disability?**

- Parents can contact Rubie Odom to request an evaluation. 561-434-8287
- Private school staff will be asked to provide information regarding student's school performance.
- School District staff will meet with private school staff and parents to determine the need for an evaluation.
- An evaluation (private or District provided) alone does not lead to eligibility. State law requires RtI (Response to Intervention) for academic, language and behavior concerns.
- School District staff cannot provide RtI, but can provide guidance throughout the process.
- Students cannot be determined to have a disability without meeting all state requirements.

### **How does a student receive a reevaluation?**

- Parents can contact Rubie Odom to request a reevaluation. 561-434-8287
- Reevaluations will also be considered at the annual Services Plan meetings for students receiving services through the Private School Program.
- Formal testing is not required for a reevaluation.
- Reevaluations are not required to maintain McKay Scholarship eligibility.
- Reevaluations are not provided for SAT/ACT testing accommodations.

### **Can Pre-K students receive services?**

- Pre-K students with an IEP can receive Speech and Language services.
- Pre-K students without an IEP must be evaluated through the Child Find office.  
561-434-7337

### **Are IEPs updated while a student is enrolled in a private school?**

- If a private school student returns to a public school, the IEP will be updated after enrolling in the public school.
- Students receiving services through the Private School Program will receive a Services Plan, which outlines the services to be provided. Services Plans are updated annually.