
SECTION 14: SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – EQUIPMENT

Budget

Budget allocation for specialized equipment for the 2014-2015 school year totalled \$218,605.00 including an allocation for Special Equipment Allocation (SEA) purchases.

Determination of Student's Requirement for Individualized Equipment

Requests for individualized equipment for students are made by a variety of professionals, including:

- Speech Language Pathologists
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Audiologists
- Psychologists
- Physicians

The Supervising Principal for Special Services reviews each request for individualized equipment.

Criteria for Purchasing Individualized Equipment

Individualized equipment is purchased according to Board Policy. Items costing less than \$800 are purchased at the principals' discretion. Principals may request a cost sharing arrangement with Special Education for items between \$400 and \$800.

Equipment in excess of \$800 is funded through Ministry of Education Special Equipment Allocation Funding and purchases follow the Guidelines established by the Ministry. Equipment purchased through SEA funding remains the property of the Board and is assigned to the student while he/she is attending an RCDSB school. Equipment is transferable to other Ontario schools should the student move out of Renfrew County.

A protocol has been developed for the purchase of SEA technology related equipment. Prior to submitting a request for technology related piece of equipment, it must be documented that the student has a need for the use of assistive technology, and has demonstrated a willingness to use it.