



**Referral for REACH Services**

**HOME INFORMATION**

**STUDENT INFORMATION:**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/day/year)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Postal Code

AHC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's Alberta Health Care number is required when ordering occupational therapy and/or physical therapy equipment for your child

**FAMILY INFORMATION:**

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Foster Parents' Name:** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Postal Code

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Worker:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group Home:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Worker: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH INFORMATION:**

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medication(s)** (Please indicate what each medication is for): \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider to be the educational priorities for your child at this time?

**PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION**

**Please ✓ appropriate boxes**

- I consent to the involvement of the REACH team for the purpose of assessment, planning and implementation of educational programming for the above named student. REACH services may include the involvement of the following consultants: psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology, speech/language, orientation & mobility and education (vision, deaf & hard of hearing). A psychological assessment may include intellectual, behavioral, and/or social-emotional testing.
- I give consent for my child to be videotaped for the purposes of educational assessment and consultation. This videotape will be used only with those individuals involved in the educational programming for my child. I understand prior notification of the actual day of videotaping will be given to me for each occurrence.

**I understand it is my responsibility to advise the school, in writing, of my withdrawal of any portion of, or all of this consent.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of consenting person (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of consenting person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.  
REACH CANNOT PROVIDE SUPPORT TO YOUR CHILD WITHOUT THIS  
FORM BEING COMPLETED.**

To be able to provide educational support services to your child, we need to ask you for some personal information.

Pursuant to the School Act, the Student Record Regulation and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the School Jurisdiction may disclose to the REACH team, relevant information in your child's Cumulative Record. The REACH team may speak to your child's teachers, principal, education assistants and other personnel regarding your child's educational needs.

The Provincial Freedom of Information and Privacy Act protects how your personal information is collected, used and disclosed. Information acquired through this form is kept secure and access is restricted. Questions regarding collection of this information should be addressed to the REACH Supervisor at 5505 - 4A Street, S. W., Calgary, Alberta, T2V 0Z7, or by calling (403) 777-6983.

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## WELCOME TO REACH! PARENT INFORMATION

As your child is being referred to REACH for services, we thought you would like to know more about the REACH team.

### **What is REACH?**

REACH is one of four educational support teams in the province and is funded by Alberta Education. REACH covers the area from Red Deer south with offices in Calgary, Lethbridge and Red Deer.

### **What does REACH do?**

REACH helps the school in developing and putting into practice programs for students with severe learning needs. REACH is committed to providing a service that helps students access and participate in their school programs.

### **What Educational Support Services are Available from REACH?**

REACH staff will travel to your child's school and provide support at the school to help meet the needs of your child. Included in this service may be:

- ∞ **Assessment** to determine your child's strengths and areas of need
- ∞ **Consultation** to the classroom to support developing programs, providing materials, identifying equipment needs, modelling ways of working with your child, etc.
- ∞ Supporting the learning team to make decisions about **Assistive Technology**
- ∞ Working with the school to make the **Transition** from one school to another easier for your child.
- ∞ Providing **Workshops** that support the development of student programs.

### **What does CONSULTATION mean?**

The REACH team will work with the teachers and educational assistants to decide how to meet your child's needs in their every day classroom activities.

Consultation can include:

- ∞ meeting with the teacher and teaching assistants to discuss ideas to help your child learn
- ∞ observing your child in the classroom and in different areas of the school (e.g. gym, computer lab, playground) to help determine appropriate strategies, activities, resources and equipment
- ∞ meeting with parents for planning conferences and Individual Program Plan (IPP) meetings
- ∞ giving information about special services that will help your child participate more in the classroom
- ∞ developing understanding and knowledge of your child's individual needs.

**Please note that REACH does not provide direct therapy where your child is pulled out of class on a regular basis to work on certain areas.**

**Who is on the REACH Team?**

- ∞ Education Consultant for the Visually Impaired
- ∞ Orientation and Mobility Consultant for the Visually Impaired
- ∞ Education Consultant for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- ∞ Educational Audiologist
- ∞ Psychologist
- ∞ Speech Language Pathologist
- ∞ Occupational Therapist
- ∞ Physical Therapist

**What is my Involvement with the REACH Team?**

- ∞ Please discuss with your child's classroom teacher which of the above team members have been requested for your child.
- ∞ Discuss with the teacher how you will get information about REACH school visits and REACH reports.
- ∞ Keep the teacher informed of any important information related to your child. For example, if they are being seen by a doctor or clinic, medication changes, other agencies working with your child or programs they are participating in. This information is important for the REACH team and the school to know about.

We hope this information will help you as you fill out the Home Information forms as part of the referral process to REACH.

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