

Collection of OT/PT State Guidelines for School Based Practice*

STATE	Access*	Date Published	Title	Publisher
Alabama	https://www.alsde.edu/sec/ses/OT%20PT/OT%20PT%20Manual%202008.pdf#search=occupational%20therapy	November 2008	Guidelines for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy for Students Receiving Special Education Services in Alabama	Alabama Department of Education Division of Instructional Services Special Education Services
	http://adap.net/pdf/RNFComplete%20Book.pdf	July 2014	Special Education in Alabama: A Right Not a Favor	Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program
Alaska	http://education.alaska.gov/tls/sped/pdf/FY15_Handbook/AK_SPED_Handbook.pdf	January 2015	SPECIAL EDUCATION HANDBOOK	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
Arizona	http://www.azed.gov/special-education/files/2012/01/az-tasotpt.pdf	June 2008	Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy: Processes and Procedures for Services in Public Schools	Arizona Department of Education
Arkansas	http://www.arkansascsh.org/tinymce/filemanager/files/special_health_care_needs_manual_april_2007.pdf	2007	Resource Guide: Developing School Policies and Training Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs	Arkansas Department of Education
California	http://www.bot.ca.gov/forms_pubs/otpot_guidelines_2012.pdf	2012	Guidelines for OT and PT in the California Public Schools: Second Edition	California Department of Education
Colorado	https://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/documents/cdesped/download/pdf/ff-otr.pdf	2012	School Occupational therapist (OTR) Colorado Educator Licensing Act of 1991	Colorado Department of Education
Connecticut	http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Special/OTGuidelines.pdf	1999	Guidelines for Occupational Therapy in Education Settings (Working Draft- update expected July 2015)	State of Connecticut Department of Education
Delaware	http://www.deldhub.gacec.delaware.gov/pdf/ParentsAreTheKey.pdf	2013	Parents are the Key: A Manual about the Rights and Responsibilities for Parents of Children with Special Education Needs in Delaware	Parent Information Center of Delaware

District of Columbia	http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Files/downloads/ABOUT%20DCPS/Doing%20Business%20with%20DCPS/Solicitation%20Attachments/ATTACHMENTJ12.pdf	August 2013	Physical Supports Program: Adapted Physical Education, Occupational and Physical Therapy	Office of Special Education, District of Columbia Public Schools
Florida	http://www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/ese-eligibility/occupational-physical-therapy-ot-pt-as.stml	2012	Occupational/Physical Therapy (OT/PT) as Related Service	Florida Department of Education
Georgia	http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Sp%20Ed%20Implementation%20Manual%20Part%2018-12.pdf	April 2011	Special Education Rules Implementation Manual	Georgia Department of Education
Hawaii	http://www.hawaii.edu/hivandais/Hawaii/Supporting_Students_with_Physical_Health_Needs_Hawaii_DOE.pdf	March 2006	Supporting Students with Physical Health Needs	Department of Education: State of Hawaii
Idaho	https://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/special_edu/docs/manual/SPED%20Manual%202015.pdf	2015	Special Education Manual	Division of Special Education, Idaho State Department of Education
Illinois	http://www.isbe.net/special-ed/pdfs/occupational_therapy.pdf	2003	Recommended Practices for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services in Illinois Schools	Illinois State Board of Education
Indiana	http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/specialed/navigatingthecourse.pdf	September 2009	Navigating the Course: Funding Your Way Through Indiana's Special Education Rules	Indiana Department of Education

Iowa	https://www.educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/iowa%20Administrative%20Rules%20of%20Special%20Education%202010.pdf	2009	Iowa Administrative Rules of Special Education 2010	Iowa State Department of Education
Kansas	http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/SES/PH/PH-complete.pdf	2014	Kansas Special Education Services Process handbook	Kansas State Department of Education
Kentucky	http://education.ky.gov/specialed/exception/documents/guidance%20documents/resource%20manual%20for%20educationally%20related%20ot%20and%20opt.pdf	November 2012	Guidance for the Related Services of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech/Language Therapy in Kentucky Public Schools	Kentucky Department of Education
Louisiana	https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/public-school/occupational-physical-therapy-reference-handbook.pdf?sfvrsn=4	2015	Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy in Louisiana Schools: Reference Handbook for Special Education Administrators and Therapists	Department of Education: Louisiana Believes
Maine	http://www.maine.gov/doe/specialed/laws/chapter101.pdf	2013	Maine Unified Special Education Regulation: Birth to Age Twenty	Maine Department of Education
	http://www.maine.gov/doe/specialed/support/policies/faq/index.html	2014	FAQ	Maine Department of Education
Maryland	http://marylandlearninglinks.org/olms2/data/ck/sites/121/files/Maryland%20OT_PT_GUIDE%20RevJune2015.pdf	June 2014	Occupational and Physical Therapy Early Intervention and School Based Guidelines in Maryland: A Guide To Practice	Maryland State Steering Committee for Occupational & Physical Therapy School-Based Programs in collaboration with the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention
Massachusetts	http://maot.org/docs/GuidelinesPDFpassword.pdf	September 2005	Guidelines for Provision of Occupational Therapy Services in Massachusetts Public Schools	Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy, Inc.

Michigan	http://ioniaisd.pbworks.com/w/file/etch/49934912/OT%20Guidelines.pdf	January 2012	Occupational Therapy Guidelines for Determining Evaluation, Eligibility, & Level of Service	Iona County Intermediate School District
	http://www.maisd.com/common/controls/Wiki/WikiFileDownload.aspx?objectId=3114337&parentId=3106264	June 2012	Occupational & Physical Therapy Guidelines for Service Provision within the Schools	Montcalm Area Intermediate School District
Minnesota	http://education.state.mn.us/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&DocName=002396&RevisionSelect=latestReleased&Renderition=primary	April 2012	Q&A: Related Services	Minnesota Department of Education
Mississippi	http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/spe-d-information-page/iep-guidance-doc-2014-07-02.pdf?sfvrsn=2	2014	Individualized Education Program (IEP) Development Guidance: Creating a Program to Benefit Children with Disabilities	Mississippi Department of Education
Missouri	https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/ParentGuide.pdf	September 2008	Parent's Guide to Special Education in Missouri	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Division on Special Education
Montana	http://opi.mt.gov/pdf/SpecED/guides/OT_PTGuidelines.pdf	February 2008	Guidelines for the Provision of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	Montana Office of Public Instruction
Nebraska	http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/technicalassist/OT_PT_Svcs_5-22-14.pdf	2014	Occupational Therapy Services and Physical Therapy Services in the Educational Setting	Nebraska Department of Education
Nevada	http://www.doe.nv.gov/SpecialEducation/Docs_Forms/Instructional_and_Assessment_Accommodations_for_Students_with_Disabilities/	October 2006	Instructional and Assessment Accommodations for Students with Disabilities	Nevada Department of Education
New Hampshire	http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special_ed/documents/nh_rules_amendment_may_2014.pdf	May 2014	New Hampshire Rules for the Education of Children with Disabilities	New Hampshire Department of Education

New Jersey	http://www.njota.org/?39	2007	A Guide for Providing OT Services in NJ Schools \$30	New Jersey Occupational Therapy Association
New Mexico	http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seb/technical/Parent%20and%20Child%20Rights.pdf	March 2011	Parent and Child Rights in Special Education Procedural Safeguards Notice	New Mexico Public Education Department, Special Education Bureau
New York	http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/C9032E59-70CC-44C6-9F2B-A1CEFD3379AE/0/OTPTPracticeGuideOnlineVersion.pdf	November, 2011	School-Based Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Practice Guide	New York City Department of Education
North Carolina	http://www.med.unc.edu/ahs/ocsci/nc-school-based-ot		Occupational Therapy in North Carolina Public Schools	North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
	http://nnces.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/file/view/Occupational+Therapist+Eval+Users+Guide.pdf	May 2013	North Carolina School-Based Occupational Therapist Evaluation Process: Users' Guide	Public Schools of North Carolina: State Board of Education Department of Public Instruction

North Dakota	http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/special1/laws/iep/IEP_Guide.pdf	June 2007	Guidelines: Individualized Education Program Planning Process	North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
Ohio	http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Special-Education/Federal-and-State-Requirements/Operational-Standards-and-Guidance/2014-Ohio-Operating-Standards-for-the-Education-of-Children-with-Disabilities.pdf.aspx	July 2014	Ohio Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities	Ohio Department of Education
Oklahoma	http://ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/SpecEd-OT-PT.pdf	2005	Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy in Oklahoma Schools: Technical Assistance Document	Oklahoma Related Services Taskforce
Oregon	http://www.douglasesd.k12.or.us/sites/douglasesd.k12.or.us/files/File/rsol/prof-dev/ptot-manual/PTOT-Manual-Introduction.pdf	August 2011	Physical and Occupational Therapy under IDEA in Oregon: Early Intervention, Early Childhood and School Age Special Education	Regional and Statewide Services for Students with Orthopedic Impairments
Pennsylvania	http://www.elc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/ELC_Right_to_SpecialEducation_revisedlinks_March2014.pdf	2014	The Right to Special Education in Pennsylvania: A Guide for Parents and Advocates	Education Law Center, Pennsylvania
Rhode Island	http://www.ridlc.org/publications/Special_Education_Handbook.pdf	November 2008	Special Education Handbook	Rhode Island Disability Law Center
South Carolina	https://ed.sc.gov/agency/programs-services/173/documents/Parent_GuideNov12.pdf	November 2012	The Parent Guide to Special Education Services in South Carolina	Office of Exceptional Children at the South Carolina Department of Education
South Dakota	https://doe.sd.gov/oess/documents/SPED_RelatedServiceGuidelines.pdf	May 2008	Special Education and Related Services	South Dakota Department of Education

Tennessee	http://www.state.tn.us/education/student_support/special_ed/special_framework_manual.pdf	October 2014	Special Education Framework 2014: Instructionally Appropriate Individualized Education Plans	Tennessee Department of Education
Texas	www.txspot.org		Texas state does not have any published guidelines for OTs and/or PTs. Some independent school districts develop guidelines specific to their procedures, but not all. TxSpot.org could help someone coming to Texas with plans to practice in schools.	
Utah	http://www.updc.org/assets/files/resources_by_topic/behavior/lrbi/Utah_Special_Ed_Rules8-08.pdf	August 2007	Utah State Board of Education: Special Education Rules	Utah State Office of Education
Vermont	http://www.uvm.edu/~cdci/trips/cy/localpdf/GuidetoSchoolBasedOT.pdf	April 2007	Developing OT Services in Vermont Schools: A Guide for Administrators	Christine Knippenberg
Virginia	http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/regulations/state/regspecs/cedisability_va.pdf	January 2010	Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia	Virginia Department of Education: Division of Special Education and Student Services
Washington	http://www.k12.wa.us/specialed/pubdocs/wac_392-172a.pdf	October 2013	Rules for the Provision of Special Education	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Washington
West Virginia	https://wvde.state.wv.us/osp/handinhand.pdf	March 2013	Hand in Hand Guidance for West Virginia Parents	Office of Special Programs: West Virginia Department of Education
Wisconsin	http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/ot-pt-guide-2nd-edition.pdf	May 2011	Occupational and Physical Therapy: A Resource and Planning Guide	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Wyoming	http://www.wyjuvenilejustice.com/pdfs/2014/July/AtRiskYouthFamilies.pdf	February 2013	Resource Guide For Children, Youth and Families	Department of Family Services

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*Because some states do not offer these State Guidelines, other related resources have been provided whenever appropriate.