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Information for parents and whānau / family about Learning Support Coordinators



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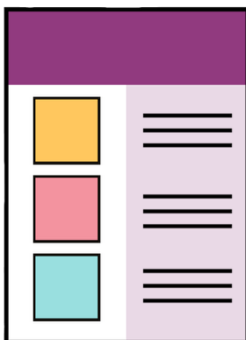


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Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
Ministry of Education.



Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
Ministry of Education is the part of
the Government in charge of:

- schools
- preschools
- tertiary education like polytechnics.



In this Easy Read Te Tāhuhu o te
Mātauranga Ministry of Education
will be called the **Ministry of**
Education.



This Easy Read is about **Learning Support Coordinators**.



Learning Support Coordinators

work in a school to:

- find out which students need **learning support**
- find the right learning support for students
- support teachers to learn more about learning support.



Learning support is support for students who:

- find it hard to learn at school
- need to learn in different ways from most other students.



In this Easy Read Learning Support Coordinators will be called **LSCs**.



By 2028 there will be an LSC in every school with students in Year 1 to Year 8 that is a:

- **state school**
- **state integrated school.**



A state school:

- is owned by the Government
- gets funding from the Government.



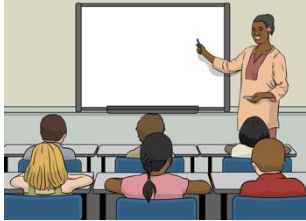
A state integrated school:

- is owned by an organisation like a church
- gets funding from the Government.



Having an LSC in every school will make it easier for students to get learning support when they need it.

What Learning Support Coordinators do



LSCs work with:

- teachers
- whānau / families
- learning support teams from the Ministry of Education
- other support services.



LSCs can:

- work out what learning support a student needs
- make sure students get the right learning support.





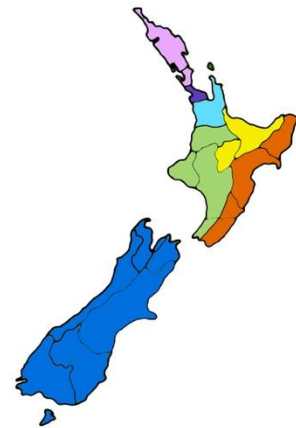
LSCs can also support parents / caregivers to:

- understand the learning support their child needs
- find more support for their child outside school.



Having an LSC in every school will make it easier for students to get support that is:

- very good
- the same no matter where they live.



How to get learning support for your child



All children:

- are different
- do things in their own time.



Sometimes parents will have worries about how their child is learning.

If you are worried you can talk to someone at the school your child goes to like their:



- teacher
- principal.



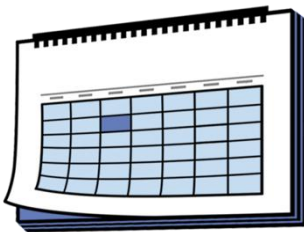
They can talk to you about:

- your worries
- any learning support your child needs
- how to get in touch with the LSC.



Questions and answers

How can an LSC make school better for my child?



LSCs make it easier for schools to give learning support quickly.

They can support teachers to plan how they will meet learning needs.



They can also work with **specialists** your child may need like:



- **educational psychologists**
- **speech language therapists.**



A **specialist** is someone who knows a lot about 1 thing.



An **educational psychologist** is a specialist who supports children with:

- learning
- behaviour
- managing being at school.



Speech language therapists:

- support people who find it hard to **communicate**
- teach people about communication that works for them.



Here **communication** is things like:

- talking
- using sign language
- understanding other people.

Will the LSC work with my child in the classroom?



The LSC might work in the classroom with:

- your child
- their teacher.

The LSC may work with a student to:

- find out what they are doing
- understand what they need.



Can the LSC diagnose my child?



Here **diagnose** means a specialist finds out that a child has something that makes learning harder for them like a disability.



LSCs cannot diagnose any conditions that are making learning harder for your child.



If you say it is okay an LSC can **refer** your child to a specialist like:

- an educational psychologist
- a speech language therapist.



Here **refer** means organise for your child to be seen by a specialist.

Can I ask for learning support for my child?



You can:

- ask for learning support for your child
- talk about any worries you have about how your child is learning.



You can ask the:

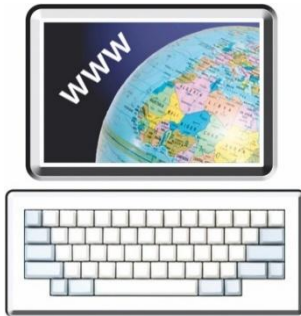
- teacher
- principal
- LSC.



Your child does not need to have been diagnosed to get learning support.



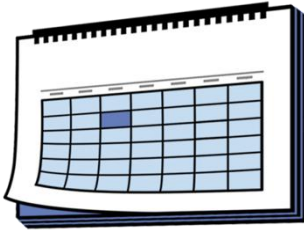
If you need more information about learning support for your child you can get in touch with your local Ministry of Education team.



You can find contact information for your local Ministry of Education office at:

www.education.govt.nz/offices

How will having an LSC in schools make a difference?



Learning Support Coordinators will make sure students get the support they need as soon as possible.



Students who have the support they need are more likely to go to school every day.

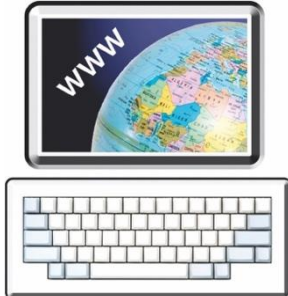


Students who have the support they need are more likely to do well:

- in their education / learning
- when they start work
- through their whole life.



More information



Here are some links to more information about learning support on the Ministry of Education **website**.



To find out more about Learning Support Coordinators in schools go to:

www.education.govt.nz/lsc



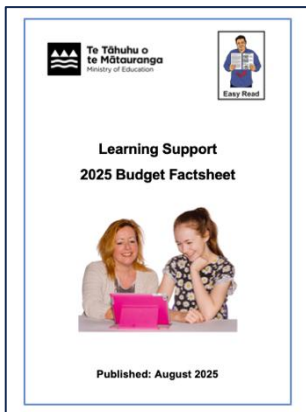
To find information about learning support when your child starts school go to:

www.education.govt.nz/support-start-school



For information about what to do if you are worried about how your child is learning go to:

www.education.govt.nz/worried-about-learning



You can find Easy Read information about new Government funding for learning support at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2facumdr>



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