

Department of Education and Science Special Education Support Service (<http://www.sess.ie/>)

The Special Education Support Service works with mainstream primary and post-primary schools and with special schools and classes. It does not provide a direct service to Youthreach centres or CTCs. However there is a wealth of useful information on its website that centres can use. The following information is taken from the SESS website

About SESS

The role of the Special Education Support Service (SESS) is to enhance the quality of learning and teaching in relation to special educational provision. The service co-ordinates, develops and delivers a range of professional development initiatives and support structures for school personnel working with students with special educational needs in mainstream primary and post-primary schools, special schools and special classes. The SESS operates under the remit of the Teacher Education Section (TES) of the Department of Education and Skills.

SEN Categories

This section outlines how differing categories of special educational need impact on teaching and learning. It also offers tips for teaching, along with additional resources and references.

Categorising the complex and diverse nature of disability in this form is not intended to equate individuals with disability labels. Rather, these categories act as signposts that enable teachers to negotiate the social, psychological and biological factors that affect each individual pupil's learning and unique needs.

[Assessed Syndromes](#)

[Autism / Autistic Spectrum Disorders](#)

[Dyspraxia](#)

[Emotional Disturbance and/or Behavioural Problems](#)

[Exceptionally Able](#)

[General Learning Disabilities](#)

[Specific Speech and Language Disorders](#)

[Physical Disabilities](#)

[Sensory Impairments](#)

[Specific Learning Disabilities](#)

Resources

Resources related to the teaching of pupils with special educational needs are provided under the headings below.

[Teaching Methods and Organisation](#)

[Behaviour Management](#)

[Assessment](#)

[Inclusion](#)

[Reference Material](#)

[ICT \(inc. 'Index of Featured Apps'\)](#)
[Curricular Material](#)
[Transition from Primary to Post-Primary](#)
[SESS Book Borrowing Online](#)
[Special Schools Seminar 1: *Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life* \(for Link Teachers, April 17th 2013\)](#)
[Special Schools Seminar 2: *Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life* \(for Link Teachers, October 23rd 2013\)](#)
[Special Schools Seminar 1: *Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life* \(for Numeracy Link Teachers, March 12th 2014\)](#)
[Miscellaneous Resources](#)

Documents and Publications

[DES Circulars](#)
[Other DES Publications](#)
[Government Agencies](#)
[Relevant Legislation](#)
[Other Jurisdictions](#)
[CABHAIR Newsletter](#)

Links

[Colleges of Education / Universities in Ireland](#)
[General Education Websites In Ireland](#)
[Inclusion](#)
[Irish Education Centre Network](#)
[Irish Teacher Unions and Educational Organisations](#)
[Other Support Services and National Programmes](#)
[SEN - ICT and Assistive Technology](#)
[Special Education / Disability Sites International Links](#)
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