

St Luke's Academy Special Education Policy

For cases where students are flagged after enrolment and the school requests that a student has an assessment and or a one on one aide; the student may only attend if the parents / guardians agree to comply and provide and finance the said assistant, as well as all assessments and therapy sessions for their respective child.

It is the Board of management's right to implement measures to maintain the cohesive and holistic running of the classroom and provide our students with an optimal experience.

Our Team

We have a Speech and Language Specialist and an ABA Therapist who carry out observations at school during school hours (free of cost). Should a student be flagged, and or require further assessment, the parents / guardians shall be duly informed and once on board the specialist will return and carry out a formal assessment to develop a programme for the individual student. This formal assessment incurs a cost, in addition to any visits required by the ABA Therapist and any and all additional therapists. All sessions shall be carried out on school property during the school day.

Additional Assistant for an Individual Student

St. Luke's Academy reserves the right to request at any time throughout the academic year, that a child having extraordinary challenges or exhibiting behaviour which we deem to be detrimental to themselves, other students or to the wellbeing and harmony of the classroom as a whole, be assigned an aide in order to continue with us. The details and or specific qualifications required of the aide will vary with the needs of the student in question. All salaries inclusive of relevant taxes for the assistant and any specialists shall be the sole responsibility of the parents / guardians. The aide is for their respective child exclusively. Any student requiring a full time one on one aide shall be given a 50% reduction in school fees to help offset the additional costs. However, should the aide be absent the student in question may not attend school, and vice versa, should the student be ill or absent there will be no need for the aide to come in.

NB: Should the school request that an aide be assigned to a student, and it is our opinion that the student cannot function without an aide in the classroom without being disruptive, the student may be asked to be removed from the classroom and may not attend classes until an aide is appointed. The school is not terminating enrolment. The student in question may return at any time should a suitable aide be appointed and or a programme is in place. We will gladly assist any parent/ guardian who requests help with finding an appropriate aide. Parents / guardians who do not wish to comply with the measures implemented by the school and or finance the aide and chose to remove their child do so at their own discretion and shall forfeit any remaining school fees for the respective term and forfeit the Caution Fee. Any damages or harm caused by the aide appointed by the parents / guardians whether to the school property,

students or themselves during school hours will be the sole responsibility of the parents / guardians who have employed the said assistant