



## **ADMISSION CRITERIA TO MARTIE DU PLESSIS SCHOOL FOR CEREBRAL PALSIED, PHYSICALLY AND LEARNING DISABLED LEARNERS**

1. **A medical diagnosis of cerebral palsy or physical disability and inability to cope in the mainstream.**  
**OR**
2. **A diagnosis as Severe Specific Learning Disabled, that complies with the following criteria:**
  - a. **An average level of intellectual functioning** (with differential skills profile).
  - b. **An adequate understanding of the language of instruction** (English or Afrikaans).
  - c. **A significant backlog (about two years) on one or more of the following scholastic skills: reading, spelling, writing and/or mathematics.**
  - d. **A history of different interventions** to address the scholastic problem, where such support was available within or outside of the school context: e.g. remedial teaching, occupational therapy, study method training, medication etc.
  - e. **An acceptable behavioural record**, so that other learners will not be disrupted.
  - f. **Inability to cope** with the academic demands of the mainstream, e.g. failing academically.

These are guidelines, but every application is unique and must be assessed on merit. There is, however, restrictions on the number of learners allowed per class.

### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

The current school (SBST) writes a referral letter attaching the following documents:

1. **All therapeutic, medical and psychological reports** (An individual intelligence test result, with a verbal and non-verbal score, not older than a year, is very important.)
2. **Reading, spelling and mathematics test results, completed by a remedial teacher or psychologist, are very important.**
3. **The most recent report card, as well as an updated behavioural record from the school, must be attached.**
4. **Submit all of the above to Room 428, Katleho building (first make an appointment with Ms Sebitlo at 051 404 4289). Obtain proof of receipt. Keep copies of the above. Follow up on application regularly.**