

Speech Language Services:

A Parent / Guardian's Guide to Success

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Host: "Hello, everyone! Today, we're diving into the world of speech and language services—a vital support for many students in schools. We'll explain what these services are, who provides them, and how they help children thrive academically and socially."

Host: "Speech and language services are specialized supports designed to assist children with communication needs. These services help improve speech, language, social communication, cognitive communication, and even feeding and swallowing capabilities. If it is determined that your child has a need for speech and language services, these services will be outlined in their IEP."

Host: "Children may need these services if they have difficulties with speech sounds, understanding or using language, social communication, cognitive communication skills, or if they experience stuttering or voice issues. Such needs can impact their ability to learn and interact with peers."

Host: "Speech-Language Pathologists, or SLPs, are trained professionals who provide these services. They assess and treat children, working as part of a team to ensure each child receives the appropriate support they need."

Host: "Services typically occur in schools, either in a dedicated room or within the classroom setting. The frequency depends on the child's individual needs, ranging from several times a week to less frequent sessions or even indirect support, as outlined in their IEP."

Host: "Children may receive services one-on-one with the SLP, or in small groups, depending on what best supports their learning. Group settings can encourage social skills, whereas individual sessions offer focused attention."

Host: "Parents or guardians are regularly updated on their child's progress through reports and meetings. SLPs track and document improvements, adjusting strategies as needed to help achieve the child's communication goals. Parents or guardians can always reach out to the speech pathologist for updates on progress or questions."

Host: "At home, parents or guardians can reinforce skills by engaging in activities that encourage communication, like reading aloud, practicing speech exercises, and creating

opportunities for social interaction. Consistent practice at home complements the work done at school."

Host: "If you have questions or concerns, reach out to your child's SLP or the school staff. Open communication ensures that any issues are addressed promptly and that your child's needs are met effectively."

Host: "Speech and language services play a crucial role in helping children communicate effectively and succeed in school and beyond. By staying engaged and supporting your child both in school and at home, you can help them thrive. Thank you for watching!"

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