

Itinerant Speech Assistant

Speech assistants are individuals who may provide services to students with communication disorders under the guidance and direction of a certified SLP. They may assist the supervising SLP with record keeping, generalization of learned skills to multiple settings, implementation of assistive technology devices/services, services for diverse and underserved populations, and other responsibilities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelors Degree in Speech Pathology or Communication Disorders

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Speech assistants may conduct specific components of a speech and language delivery program as specified in an IEP under the direction and guidance of a certified SLP. Tasks executed by speech assistants must be within their scope of responsibilities and include only those tasks they have the expertise and training to perform. The following tasks may be designated to a speech assistant:

- Conduct speech-language screenings (without interpretation) following specified screening protocols selected by the supervising speech-language pathologists.
- Provide direct therapy to identified students.
- Follow goals and objectives identified on the IEP and plans developed by the supervising speech-language pathologist.
- Document student progress toward meeting established goals and objectives as stated in the IEP and report this information to the supervising SLP.
- Assist the SLP during assessment of students, as directed.
- Assist with informal documentation (e.g., tallying notes for the SLP to use), prepare materials, and assist with other clerical duties as assigned by the SLP.
- Schedule activities, prepare charts, records, graphs, or otherwise display data.
- Perform checks and maintenance of equipment.
- Participate with the SLP in research projects, staff development and public relations programs, as deemed appropriate by the SLP.
- Assist in the implementation of assistive technology devices and services as deemed appropriate by the SLP.

EMPLOYMENT TERM: 10 school months (200 days)

SALARY: Teacher's pay scale based upon degree and school-related SLP experience.