

In summary...

School Speech-Language Pathologists bring unique knowledge and skills to the educational system to support students' learning and success, specifically in the areas of speech, language, communication and literacy development.



Language is the basis for thinking, communicating and learning. Students need language skills in order to comprehend ideas and information, to interact socially, to inquire into areas of interest and study, and to express themselves clearly and demonstrate their learning. Learning to communicate with clarity and precision, orally, in writing, and through a variety of media, will help students to thrive in the world beyond school.”

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**SCHOOL SPEECH-
LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS**

Who are School Speech-Language Pathologists?

All School Speech-Language Pathologists employed by the Halton District School Board have a Masters degree and are registered with the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario.

Speech-Language Pathologists have specialized training in all areas of communication skills, including speech, language, communication and literacy. Training includes skills in assessment, intervention and consultation.

School Speech-Language Pathologists are members of the School Resource Team and provide direct support to the following classes/programs:

- Early Language Development Centre
- Primary Language Class
- Communication Transition Program

Additional services include student assessments, consultation and programming support for Special Education Resource Teachers, Classroom Teachers, Parents and where applicable, Educational Assistants.

How can School Speech-Language Pathologists help?

A school Speech-Language Pathologist can help if a student is having difficulty:

- Developing communication skills;
- Producing the sounds of speech;
- Understanding oral language;
- Using spoken language, and/or
- Acquiring early literacy skills,



What services do School Speech-Language Pathologists offer?

School Speech-Language Pathologists offer a variety of services including:

- Assessment (Formal or Informal)
- Case Conferences
- Classroom Observations
- Strategies and Techniques to Facilitate Language Understanding and Use
- Liaise with Community Professionals
- Direct support to specific HDSB classes and programs

