

## **ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CLINICIAN**

The role of the Speech and Language Clinician is to support and assist school staffs in meeting the overall objectives of the Division and the needs of individual students. In fulfilling this role the Speech and Language Clinician works under the supervision of the Co-ordinator of Student Services and in consultation with parents and school staff members. The duties of the Speech and Language Clinician would include but not be restricted to the following:

- a) on referral, to provide assessments of an individual students level of speech and/or language development,
- b) to relay and interpret the results of these assessments to others (including parents) working with the child,
- c) to provide a written report of assessment observations, results and recommendations for the student's cumulative file.
- d) to participate in developing plans to promote language development or to improve communication deficits for individual students or for groups of students.
- e) to provide activities for parents, teachers and/or teacher assistants as a method of developing language and communication skills for individual students or groups of students with communication disorders.
- f) to work directly with individual students or groups of students with communication disorders to facilitate language and communication development.
- g) to provide parents and/or teachers with strategies to help students with communication disabilities become more effective learners.
- h) to provide parents and/or teachers with information regarding the child's progress.
- i) to maintain his/her level of professional expertise through in-service and through meetings with professional colleagues.

A referral to the Speech/Language Clinician can be initiated by any professional staff member. Referrals should be submitted to the Co-ordinator of Student Services on forms provided by the Division.

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