

Speech and/or Language Impairment (SI)

Definition

A student with a speech and/or language impairment is one who has been determined to meet the criteria for speech and/or language impairment (a communication disorder, such as stuttering, impaired articulation, a language impairment, or a voice impairment that adversely affects a child's educational performance). The multidisciplinary team that collects or reviews evaluation data must include a certified speech and hearing therapist, a certified speech and language therapist or a licensed speech/language pathologist.

Required Eligibility Forms

- FIE (including present levels of speech/language performance and recommendations for students who are eligible)
- Evaluation report for speech impairment

ARD/IEP Requirements

- A speech representative is required at ARD/IEP meetings when the student receives speech services only
- Speech input is required at each ARD/IEP meeting when the student receives speech services and, any additional special education service
- Goals and objectives addressing speech/language deficits