

SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPY

Speech/Language Program at the Miriam School

In keeping with the team approach of instruction at the Miriam School, state-licensed speech and language therapists and speech/language assistants work with students identified with speech/language difficulties. Pull-out sessions can range from 30 minutes to a maximum of 150 minutes depending on the needs of the child. Therapists also provide "class within a class" services where they will join children in their regular classroom and work with them providing extra assistance with the curriculum.



Pull-out groups of students work on written expression, pragmatics, articulation, voice, semantics/syntax, fluency, and auditory processing. Social groups train children in the expectations of social interaction in everyday conversation and situations.

Reading problems were formerly thought to result primarily from problems with intelligence and/or motivation, but current research confirms that reading problems are part of the spectrum of language difficulties. The speech and language team works with children on reading skills including comprehension and decoding.



Auditory processing affects at least 10% of the general population. At the Miriam School, speech and language therapists work with children identified with this problem on building memory skills, sequencing, comparing and contrasting, and information processing skills.

When needed, children with specific speech problems receive therapy to build musculature, training to modulate pitch or tone, or cues to assist in forming proper sound, pitch, fluency and volume in speaking.

The Miriam School, founded in 1956, serves children Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade with multiple learning disabilities, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, auditory processing deficits, and/or speech/language problems. Children achieve in ungraded classrooms taught by certified special education teachers in a team approach with speech/language therapists and occupational therapists.

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