

School-Aged Speech Therapy

When to Refer: Does your school-aged child need Speech Therapy?

Here are some basic benchmarks and guidelines to help you determine if your child should be referred for Speech Therapy services:

- Trouble recalling and using new information because of problems with language, attention, and/or memory
- Few friends because he/she is unable to interact with others at an age-appropriate level, such as following rules of conversation (initiating conversation, turn taking, etc.)
- Voice does not sound right. (i.e. hoarse, raspy, breathy, or if the child likes to scream or talk loudly)
- Stuttering
- Not producing words clearly enough to be understood by others
- Not using well-formed sentences
- Not communicating with words, gestures, or alternative methods
- Not listening and following directions
- Difficulty remembering and using new words and information
- Difficulty reading
- Difficulty writing
- Difficulty following directions
- Stuttering
- Hearing issues
- Excessive drooling
- Difficulty eating or swallowing



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