



# The Role of the Speech - Language Pathologist in Seine River School Division

## What is a Speech - Language Pathologist?

A **Speech - Language Pathologist** is a member of the Seine River School Division Student Services team.

**Speech - Language Pathologists** in Manitoba hold a Masters Degree and have training in all areas of communication which include: speech, fluency, voice, language and augmentative and alternative communication.

### **Speech - Language Pathologists**

provide a continuum of services to prevent, identify, assess, and treat communicative problems.

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collaborate with parents, students, teachers, and other professionals to assist students whose communication profile is impacting on their daily life.

### Credentials

**Speech—Language Pathologists** who work in Manitoba schools are professionals who respect the ethics, standards and guidelines set forth by the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba. In addition, it is a requirement that they hold a school clinician certificate through the Department of Education and Training Manitoba.

## What does a Speech - Language Pathologist do?

In Seine River School Division **Speech - Language Pathologists** provide a consultative collaborative model of service available to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. These services will vary across a continuum of supports that best meet the needs of students to maximize their learning opportunities and success. These services may include:

- ◆ Student-specific assessment, diagnosis and recommendations for programming
- ◆ Provide direct student programming which is implemented by Speech-Language Assistants in the schools who are trained and supervised by the Speech-Language Pathologist
- ◆ Monitor student progress and up-date programming as needed
- ◆ Parent and school staff education
- ◆ Classroom-based programming and supports
- ◆ Assistive technology and/or speech generating devices
- ◆ Referral to additional agencies

- ◆ Collaborations with community programs
- ◆ Program, resource and policy development

## When to contact the Speech-Language Pathologist?

Common communication challenges noted in students may include:

- ◆ Limited vocabulary
- ◆ Poor grammar
- ◆ Mixed-up work order
- ◆ Difficulty following directions
- ◆ Difficulty with social situations
- ◆ Unclear speech
- ◆ Voice problems
- ◆ Stuttering

