



What can Tidewater Speech Therapy, LLC offer if you think your child needs speech therapy?

Tidewater Speech Therapy, LLC offers comprehensive speech and language services at your child's private preschool or private school. We pride ourselves on "No Clinic, No Travel" for ease of services for families during the school day. We offer expert speech services at school—partnering with parents & teachers to build strong communication skills. In addition, we are a small private practice with a clinician with almost 3 decades of experience in pediatric speech and language therapy. We offer more time to prepare for your child, offering individualized, well thought out, planned, and executed consultations, screenings, evaluations, and therapy sessions.

Step 1:

We offer a free ~15-minute phone consultation for parents/caregivers. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your concerns regarding your child's speech and language development. If based on this discussion, further information or analysis of your child's speech and language development is needed, we will recommend a speech and language screening or speech and language evaluation. We can also help brainstorm and/or refer you to local resources to best help your child and family's needs.

Step 2:

A speech and language screening and/or a speech and language evaluation may be recommended or chosen to start the analysis process for your child's speech and language skills.

	Screening	Evaluation
What is it?	Quick analysis of a child's speech, language, fluency, vocal quality and social skills	More comprehensive assessment of a child's speech, language, fluency, vocal quality and social skills
How long will it take?	Around 15-30 minutes	Could take an hour or several hours, one session or multiple sessions depending on the age of the child and the assessments being administered
Why does my child need it?	If there are speech and language concerns	*If more information is needed from the screening * You need more formal testing results *You want specific information on a child's speech and language strengths and area/s of need *You want a therapy plan and therapy goals or need to update a current therapy plan and goals
What will the results tell you?	*Obtain a "pass" or "more information needed" analysis *If the child "passes" there is no need for speech-language therapy at this time; however, you should continue to monitor your original concern *If "more information is needed," a child will need to be administered a	*Obtain standardized scores, age equivalents and percentiles *Understand the child's speech and language strengths and areas of need; diagnosis of delay or disorder can be assigned *Allows clinician to create a formal goal plan/treatment plan

	speech and language evaluation	
How are the results reported?	A brief summary of the analysis/findings is sent to you in writing, along with recommendations if needed	*A formal meeting with you in person or via telephone is set up to discuss results and recommendations * A report with analysis/findings and recommendations is sent to you in writing with a goal plan/treatment plan

Step 3:

If speech therapy services are recommended, typically, a child is seen for 30-60 minutes, 1-2 times weekly. Children are seen in individual or 1 student to 1 clinician delivery model. A formal written session note and homework instructions with activities are sent home at the conclusion of each session. Parents are always welcome to attend sessions; however, it is not mandatory. An open line of communication is welcomed and encouraged, as parents can call, text, and email their clinician with questions, concerns, and updates on a regular basis and have a timely response from their clinician.

Services are provided at various preschools and private schools in the area.
 Call [\(757\) 439-4010](tel:7574394010) for questions about our services or to schedule an appointment!