

Speak Out Speech and Language Therapy Program

Speak Out is a program offered at St. Agnes where students can receive speech and language therapy services within his/her school day.

SERVICES INCLUDE: Screening, Diagnostic Evaluation, Therapy, and Consultation

PARTICIPATION: This program has been active at St. Agnes for the past 4 years. It is on-going throughout the school year and referrals are accepted at any time. Referrals may be generated by a parent, teacher, or other professional.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: According to Public Law 94-142, students enrolled in private education are not eligible for speech and language therapy through the public school system. Currently, our local school district will provide assessment in the areas of speech articulation, language development and auditory processing but will not provide therapy if indicated. As a result, it directs parents with children enrolled in private education to seek these services from the private sector. This can be challenging with the already busy schedules families maintain. Speak Out was developed to assist families at St. Agnes who have a need in this area.

COST: Speak Out is a fee based program with costs competitively set by professional standards of other private practices in the area.

Speech Language Pathologist: Theresa Christiansen M.A. CCC-SLP I am a licensed and certified Speech Language Pathologist with over 13 years experience in a variety of settings, including Mt Diablo Unified and Oakland Unified School Districts. I am also currently employed by Communication Works, a private practice company based in Oakland. I love this profession and appreciate the flexibility it offers. I am a parent of three children, two are still students at St. Agnes and one has graduated. I look forward to working with you.

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