

Speech-Language Pathology Aides

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Paraprofessional Guidance

- Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) and Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) **do not** recognize Speech-Language Pathology Aides or Assistants.
- GaPSC does not have a certificate for a Communication Paraprofessional. The approved certificate is for a Paraprofessional.

Paraprofessional Guidance

- A Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) guidance document provides information regarding the roles and responsibilities of the paraprofessional when utilized within the speech and language program in a school.
- Georgia Board 160-4-7 contains guidance regarding the use of a communication paraprofessional to support the speech-language program. This should not be interpreted to mean that there is a separate certification or different set of allowable duties and responsibilities for those paraprofessionals.

Paraprofessional Guidance

- A Communication Paraprofessional is no different from any paraprofessional in a school building other than their assignment to the Speech-Language Impairment Program.
 - ✓ Certification requirements are the same.
 - ✓ Supervision requirements are the same.
 - ✓ Duties and Responsibilities are the same.

Role of a Communication Paraprofessional

Engage in duties and tasks planned, designed, and supervised by a certified or licensed SLP to include the following:

- ✓ Assist with classroom management
- ✓ Organize instructional materials
- ✓ Provide instructional assistance in a computer lab

Role of a Communication Paraprofessional

Engage in duties and tasks planned, designed, and supervised by a certified or licensed SLP to include the following:

- ✓ Conduct parental involvement activities
- ✓ Provide instructional support in a media center
- ✓ Provide instructional support services under the direct supervision of a highly qualified Speech-Language Pathologist

Role of a Communication Paraprofessional

There are specific duties and tasks that a paraprofessional cannot perform. These include the following:

- Carry a caseload
- Represent himself or herself as an SLP
- Administer standardized or non-standardized diagnostic tests or formal or informal evaluations
- Participate in an IEP without the supervising SLP
- Provide interpretive information to the student or parent

Role of a Communication Paraprofessional

There are specific duties and tasks that a paraprofessional cannot perform. These include the following:

- Write, develop, or modify an IEP
- Sign formal documents in lieu of the supervising SLP
- Identify student for service or exit a student from service
- Disclose confidential information to anyone other than the supervising SLP

Any Questions?



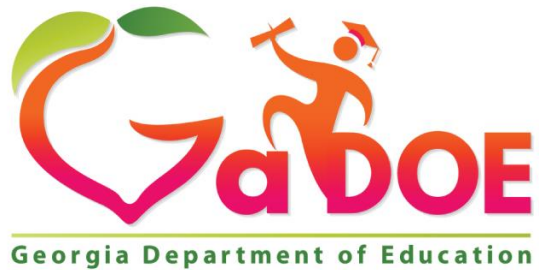
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