



Speech and Language Support for All Learners at Renaissance Academy

One of Renaissance Academy's Key Design Elements includes a focus on language and literacy by providing speech and language support for all learners. At RA, a full-time certified Speech Language Pathologist pushes into classrooms to support students in the areas of speech and language development. The SLP meets with teams to determine the best way to address the speech and language needs of our students.

Most of our students enroll in kindergarten with significant delays in their expressive and receptive language. The purpose of the intensive SLP support is to front load support services to address and build students' strengths in this area. One example of how the SLP supports language and literacy is by co-planning and co-teaching whole group reading lessons with teams of teachers. During the co-taught lesson, the classroom teacher would focus on the English Language Arts standards and objectives while the SLP would focus on a language standard. Using informal data of observation, she is able to see which students require follow up instruction and pulls those students to provide appropriate scaffolding in a small group setting following the lesson.