

Communication Skills Program



The Communication Skills Program (CSP) is a specialized system program designed to meet the needs of students in grades 1-3 who have persistent difficulty in the acquisition and use of spoken and written language, and great difficulty communicating with peers or adults because of severe or profound speech-language delays, disorders or disabilities. The program offers a combination of a smaller class setting, small group and one-to-one targeted instruction with a focus on the development of communication, speech, language and literacy skills throughout all activities during the school day. Students may be integrated in regular classes for some programming.

Flexible and responsive instruction is guided by an Instructional Support Plan (ISP), builds on individual strengths and needs, and follows the Alberta Education Programs of Study, with adaptations and accommodations as necessary. The CSP is supported by Elk Island Public Schools' Specialized Supports multi-disciplinary team.

Benefits for Students

- Improved speech and language development
- Improved literacy and communication skills
- Improved social communication and interaction skills

Programming Priorities

- Smaller class size with more targeted instruction
- A language-rich environment with a focus on acquisition and communication
- Opportunities for students to integrate in certain subjects where individually appropriate
- A specific focus on building literacy and numeracy skills in a nurturing and structured environment, while providing opportunities to grow as part of the school community

Eligibility

Students must:

- be 6 to 8 years old as of December 31, in the year they'll enrol in the program;
- have a clinical diagnosis of a severe speech disorder (receptive/expressive/speech-sound);
- be of average cognitive ability as diagnosed in a psychoeducational assessment; and
- be a resident student of Elk Island Public Schools.

If you feel your child might be eligible, discuss your child's programming needs with your school team. They, along with the specialized supports consultant, can help to determine if the CSP program might be a potential fit for your child.

Locations

- Woodbridge Farms Elementary (grades 1-3)

Questions about this program?

Current EIPS families:
Contact your school team

New EIPS families:
Contact EIPS' Supports for Students team at 780-417-8219

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FAQs

