

CASELOADS FOR SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPISTS AGES (3-5)

56195.8(b)(7)

POLICY

Designated instruction and services are provided as prescribed in the individualized education plan. Designated instruction and services are provided by the regular teacher, special class teacher, resource specialist or a variety of other qualified specialists. Designated instruction and services are provided in a variety of settings that include regular and special education classrooms, preschool, the home, hospitals and institutions or other settings as appropriate.

PROCEDURES

Caseloads of full-time equivalent language, speech, and hearing specialists providing instruction and services within the district, special education local plan area, or county office shall not exceed a district-wide, special education local plan area-wide, or county average of fifty-five (55) individuals unless prior written approval has been granted by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The caseload for all other designated instruction and services staff is dependent on the frequency of the service delivery as specified on the individualized education plan and does not exceed a caseload amount that can be covered during a regular workday. **The maximum caseload for a speech and language specialist providing services exclusively to individuals with exceptional needs, between the ages of three and five years, inclusive, as defined in Section 56441.11 or 56026, shall not exceed a count of 40.**