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# EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS (EA) VS. SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS (SLPA)

Speech Language Workload Demands	District Educational Assistant	Credentialed SLP Assistant	Speech-Language Pathologist
Training in Universal Precautions	✓	✓	✓
HIPAA & Ethics Training	✓	✓	✓
Informed of Special Education Process	✓	✓	✓
Clerical & Scheduling Responsibilities	✓	✓	✓
Work Collaboratively under SLP Direction	✓	✓	✓
Higher Education Training in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonetics</li> <li>• Speech sound disorders</li> <li>• Language development</li> <li>• Language disorders</li> <li>• Anatomy &amp; physiology of speech &amp; hearing mechanisms</li> </ul>		✓	✓
Complete speech-language screenings (without interpretation)		✓	✓
Independently develop lesson plans for students receiving speech-language services (with SLP oversight/ interpreting data)		✓	✓
Program & provide instruction in the use of Augmentative & Alternative Communication Devices (AAC)		✓	✓
Material development (independent of SLP oversight)		✓	✓
Consult with General Education Teachers on S/L practice		✓	✓
Supervision of EAs & SLP Assistants			✓
Interpretation of Data			✓
Evaluation of all communication disorders			✓
All Sped Meetings and Reporting to Parents			✓

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