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Speech and Language Telepractice

Over the course of the 2020-2012 school year, there may be times during which Speech and Language Telepractice is the preferred method of service delivery for your child. This means that TEC would provide speech therapy services through digital meetings such as Zoom. The therapist and the child would join a computer based session at the designated therapy time and would work on the same materials as in person. We term this "teletherapy."

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association requires your consent for your child to receive Speech and Language teletherapy.

The terms of consent are as follows:

- Speech-Language Teletherapy will involve the Speech-Language Pathologist's use of electronic information and communication technologies with your child when your child is located at a different site than the Speech-Language Pathologist.
- The Speech-Language Pathologist employed by The Education Cooperative will provide Speech-Language Teletherapy to your child using a secure video conferencing platform (Google Meet/Hangout/Zoom) and other communication and electronic tools. Teletherapy services occur in real time during a scheduled, predetermined appointment. Your child will have a private environment during the teletherapy, to the extent practicable given the circumstances.
- The laws that protect privacy and the confidentiality of your child's personally identifiable information also apply to teletherapy. To be clear, if your child currently receives services from a Speech-Language Pathologist as part of a group, then those same children also are likely to continue to be part of your child's group services provided by a Speech-Language Pathologist.
- By agreeing to have your child participate in Speech-Language Teletherapy, you are agreeing that you and other members of your household who normally are not privy to your child's group Speech-Language therapy session will agree to respect and keep confidential any personal or private information (e.g. disability status) inadvertently discovered about other students due to proximity of the Speech-Language Teletherapy.
- While teletherapy is effective in working on a wide range of disorders, there is no guarantee that teletherapy will be effective for all students. There are potential risks due to the technology used in teletherapy including, but not limited to, internet interruptions and technical difficulties. You can minimize the risk of breaches in confidentiality by not sharing any username and passwords you may be asked to create for your child.
- You have the right to refuse or discontinue the Speech-Language Teletherapy. Similarly, the Speech-Language Pathologist may terminate the service if, for example, the teletherapy is ineffective. If you refuse Speech-Language Teletherapy or if Speech-Language Teletherapy is discontinued, the SLP will explore other service options with you.

I understand and agree to the terms of consent.

Signature

Date