



Collaborative Speech Model in 8:1:1 Classrooms

Understanding how speech therapy supports your child's communication development throughout the school day

What is the Collaborative Speech Model?

In our 8:1:1 classrooms, speech therapy isn't just a separate pull-out service. Instead, your child's speech therapist works **side-by-side** with the classroom teacher throughout the day.

This partnership creates language-rich lessons in your child's natural learning environment, where communication skills are practiced in meaningful, everyday contexts.



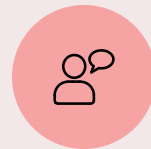


Team Teaching in Action



Shared Leadership

Both the classroom teacher and speech therapist lead lessons together, bringing their unique expertise to every activity.



Integrated Support

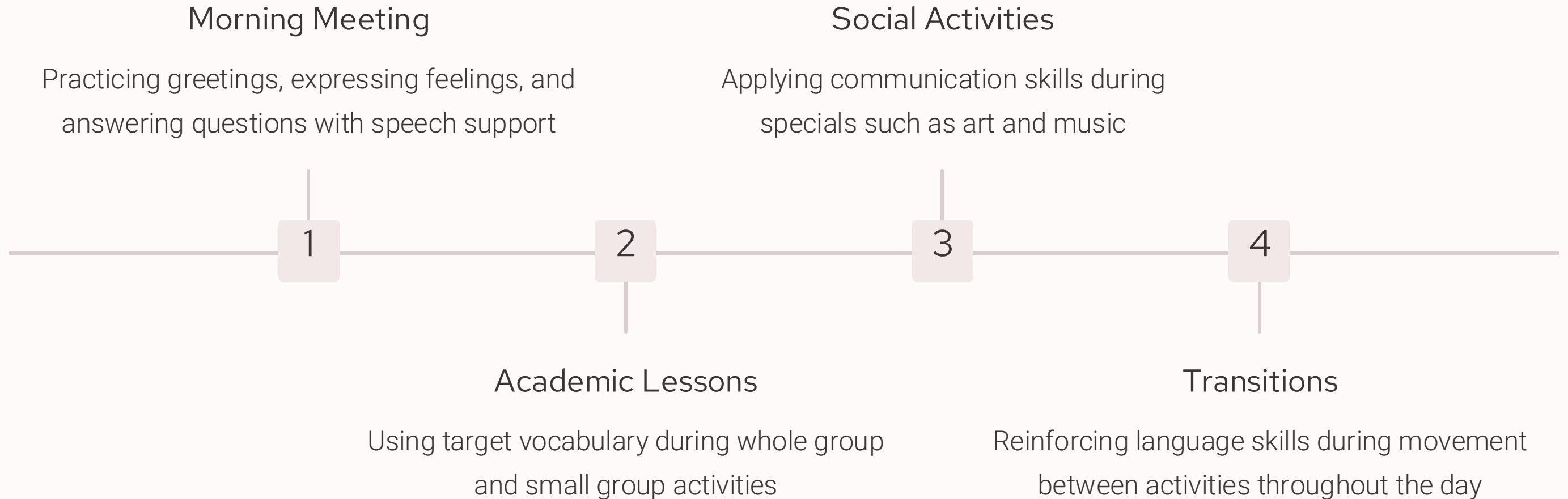
Communication goals are woven into academic content, making speech practice a natural part of learning.



Real-Time Support

The speech therapist addresses each student's communication needs as they arise during classroom activities.

Continuous Practice Throughout the Day



Your child receives multiple opportunities each day to practice speech and language skills under the direct supervision of their speech therapist, embedded naturally into their routine.

Meeting Individual Communication Needs



Personalized Support

The speech therapist observes and responds to each student's unique communication challenges as they happen in real-time.

Whether it's articulation practice during show-and-tell or language comprehension during story time, support is immediate and contextual.

This approach ensures skills are practiced when they're most relevant and meaningful to your child.

AAC Device Support

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Daily Troubleshooting

The speech therapist ensures AAC devices are functioning properly and readily accessible throughout the school day.

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Integration into Activities

AAC users receive support to participate fully in all classroom activities using their communication system.

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Custom Programming

Vocabulary is regularly updated and programmed to match classroom topics, activities, and your child's evolving communication needs.



The Benefits of Collaborative Speech

Natural Learning Environment

Skills are learned and practiced where they'll actually be used—making them more likely to stick.

Increased Practice Time

Your child gets more opportunities to work on communication throughout the entire school day, not just during isolated sessions.

Better Generalization

Communication skills transfer more easily to different situations when practiced in varied, real-world contexts.


Consistent Support

Two professionals working together means your child receives expert support from both educational and communication specialists simultaneously.



Your Child's Communication Success

The collaborative speech model in our 8:1:1 classrooms creates a supportive environment where communication skills flourish naturally throughout the day.

 **Questions?** We welcome your input and are here to discuss how this approach is supporting your child's individual communication goals.