



## Talk to Me Speech-Language Program 2024-2025

To: Parents/Guardians,

Talk to Me is a program that is designed to help students improve their speech and language skills. We are pleased to offer this program at your child's school. **Students with strong speech and language skills tend to do better in school and become better readers.**

Classroom teachers and speech-language pathologists identify students who will benefit from this support. If your child is selected for participation, speech and/or language sessions will be offered 2-5 times per week.

Programming will be carried out by a trained educational assistant under the supervision and guidance of a speech-language pathologist.

Consistent attendance is important for success. Children who regularly attend school 4 or 5 days per week, will be considered first.

Talk to Me will adhere to current safety measures as outlined by Winnipeg School Division and the province of Manitoba. Should mask mandates be in place, your child may be asked to remove it during speech therapy for instruction and practice.



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**Please check one of the options below, sign and date, and return to the school/classroom teacher.**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I give permission for my child's speech and/or language skills to be screened and if selected, participate in Talk to Me programming for up to two years.

No, I am not interested in having my child participate.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: By checking YES, you agree that you have reviewed and understand the current safety guidelines for speech-language services. In addition, you understand that if your child transfers to another school that offers Talk to Me programming, they may continue to participate if space is available.

**If you have any questions, please contact the speech-language pathologist at your child's school.**

