



Articulation

Typical Development Guidelines

Elk Island Public Schools
Speech Language Hearing Services

A child is considered to have a delay if sounds are not developed by the ages indicated. All speech sounds should be developed by age 7.

Sounds	Ages
Early Developing Sounds	
p, m, h, n, w	by age 3
b, t, d, k, g, f, y	by age 4
Late Developing Sounds	
sh, ch, j blends including the 's' and 'l' blends Distortions and lateral lisps would be targeted at this age.	by age 5
l, ing, s, z	by age 6
Latest Developing Sounds	
v, r, th	by age 7

These are general guidelines and there are exceptions that would require treatment earlier than the expected age of development (structural/functional abnormalities, a history of speech sound delays or atypical error patterns). The Speech Language Pathologist will use his/her clinical judgment to determine severity and need for intervention. Guidelines based on the Articulation Guidelines from ECH, CHA, and Clinical Expertise of the EIPS Speech Language Pathologists.