

Join Our Team – Speech Language Pathologists

Video Transcript

[Visual: LISD logo, three photos of speech language pathologists sitting down]

Paige Schwartzfisher: Communication is one of the most essential aspects of being a human being and so to be able to help people that need help communicating is a wonderful gift to be able to give to them.

[Visual: Paige Schwartzfisher sitting in a classroom setting]

[Text: Speech Language Pathologists – LISD speech language pathologists work in a school setting, evaluating, diagnosing, and treating PreK-12 students with speech, language, and communication disorders or delays.]

[Visual: Corey Alvarez sitting in a classroom setting]

Corey Alvarez: I chose to be a speech therapist because I really wanted to do something in the area of communications and that led me to communication disorders and I liked that there were so many options in the field and it was service-oriented. I feel like the best part of my job is that everyone around me really cares about kids. I'm constantly working with people who want to make public education excellent and equitable.

Paige: So the favorite part of my job or what I really like the most is the inter-professional collaboration. I really like working on a team with social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, the [general education] teachers. It's really nice to get more holistic scope of the student and to see that student through the lens of different professionals. I think that it allows me to provide the best quality therapy that I can.

[Visual: Chris Dowd sitting in a classroom setting]

Chris Dowd: My favorite part of being a speech language pathologist in an educational setting is probably the Early Childhood Program here at Lenawee Intermediate School District. I love going into the homes working with the parents. I love working with infants on feeding skills. I love working with really birth to age five. Any communication devices, just seeing children learn and grow at that age is my happy place; my happy place is with young children and I feel the Lenawee Intermediate School District really puts emphasis on early childhood.

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Corey: Every day is very different, but for the most part on a daily basis, I plan and conduct sessions with students, administer evaluations, and I attend meetings with other team members in the school to address plans to help support kids with a variety of communication disorders.

Paige: On a daily basis, I'm pulling different kids from classes. So I really like that part of my job because I can work with all levels of severity and a lot of different types of disorders. So I can be working with a student on stuttering in the same group as a student that has autism or a student that just has an articulation disorder. So I really like being able to work with a lot of different types of disorders. I also do

a lot of documentation billing, there's meetings with the staff that we go to talk about student progress and areas of need that they may have.

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Corey: In every speech job, you're going to have the opportunity to use skills that you've learned in school, but working for the ISD, we have the benefit of really great up-to-date technology, use of iPads, a lot of opportunities for continuing education, great benefits, we get to choose materials for our therapy every year, and we have a lot of support from other SLPs.

Chris: I think the reason I like working for the Lenawee Intermediate School District, is that I feel there is learning opportunities around every corner and you are supported in learning new skills, providing new opportunities for families, the community, and the children. I also love the fact that there are a lot of talented people who work here. And if you have a question, there's somebody here who can help you usually. So I would say the family atmosphere and the support you get from the administration.

Paige: I really love working with kids. It's really wonderful to see them blossom into the little humans that they're going to be and just shower them with love and encouragement and excited them about learning and communicating in general in any way that they can.

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