



# Speak Life Therapy

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2026-2027 School Year  
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## Overview

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**What:** Private Speech Therapy

**Length:** 30-50 minute sessions

Speak Life Therapy is an outpatient speech therapy practice run by Sarah McCollum that offers services at Kalamazoo Area Tutors on Mondays. Speak Life Therapy exists to serve families where they are at, and to support and partner with them as they help their children master their speech & language goals. Speech therapy sessions are offered in 30-50 minute blocks for children of all ages, even if they are not enrolled in other KAT classes. Parents who elect to pursue speech therapy at KAT **must** complete all KAT-required registration and enrollment documents and payments.

**Cancellation policy:** Per Speak Life Therapy policies, families are asked to notify Sarah McCollum of cancellations at least 24 hours in advance. There is a grace period of 2 late cancellations. After 2 late cancellations (less than 24 hours), families are expected to pay the full therapy session cost out of pocket. No-shows also require families to pay the full cost of their child's speech therapy session.

**Insurances:** Speak Life Therapy takes a variety of insurances, such as United Healthcare/UMR, Priority Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, and Medicaid. Some plans, however, do not cover developmental speech & language intervention, so families **must** check with their insurance companies about required co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles. Sarah McCollum can also assist in working with insurance to verify coverage details.

Service	Investment (Starting Sept 2026)
Articulation & Language Screening (15 min)	\$15
Articulation/Phonology Evaluation	\$225
Comprehensive Language Evaluation	\$300
Speech Therapy Treatment Sessions	\$80*/session  *this may change in January 2027 to reflect upcoming national billing changes in 2027
Parent Coaching Conversations	\$100 for four meetings (15-30 min each) over the year, not covered by insurance

**About Sarah McCollum:** Sarah McCollum grew up in Kalamazoo and became a Christian as a child. She attends Calvary Bible Church with her husband, Austin McCollum, and their two children. Sarah graduated from Grand Valley State University with her Bachelor’s Degree and obtained her master’s degree from Arizona State University. Sarah is an ASHA certified Speech-Language Pathologist with a heart for helping children with articulation & language needs, children needing support with phonological awareness and reading/writing comprehension. Sarah is also passionate about partnering with parents through a hands-on coaching model to give them the tools to work with their children between therapy sessions. Sarah McCollum has 10 years of experience as a speech-language pathologist and has worked in school settings, skilled nursing settings, and subacute rehabilitation. Sarah started Speak Life Therapy in 2022 and is now entering her fifth year at KAT for the 2026/2027 school year.

**How Does Speech Therapy Work at KAT?** Families pursuing speech therapy at KAT can expect to begin by filling out paperwork (Pediatric Case History, Practice Policies, HIPAA Policy, Release Forms, etc) through the Simple Practice Patient Portal. Students will need to participate in an evaluation to determine their level of speech & language needs. Evaluations take 1 session, with additional testing completed in follow-up sessions considered “treatment” sessions. Sarah McCollum will discuss the evaluation with the parent and any recommended next steps. If an evaluation recommends treatment, families can choose therapy times that fit within their KAT class schedule. Families are ultimately responsible for paying for services not covered by insurance and will be responsible for any applicable co-pays and co-insurances. Payment is due at the time of service or once therapy sessions have been processed by insurance.