



AMERICAN  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE-  
HEARING  
ASSOCIATION

# Reward Yourself



**WITH A CAREER AS A  
SCHOOL-BASED  
SPEECH LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGIST**

10 Good Reasons



**FOR CHOOSING  
A CAREER IN  
SCHOOLS**



## 1. Wide Variety of Opportunities



- Work with students from diverse backgrounds in preschool, elementary, middle and high school settings.
- Choose urban, rural or suburban settings.
- Provide services to students with a variety of disorders in different ways – individual, small group and in the classroom.
- Provide both direct and indirect services to students, families and school staff.

## 2. High Demand for SLPs in Schools



Join one of the fastest growing professions!  
According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-2009 Edition, employment of speech-language pathologists is expected to grow 11 percent from 2006 to 2016, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

*Reference: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-2011 Edition, Speech-Language Pathologists.*

## 3. Job Security and Excellent Benefits



- Take advantage of competitive health and retirement programs.
- Obtain generous emergency and personal leave.

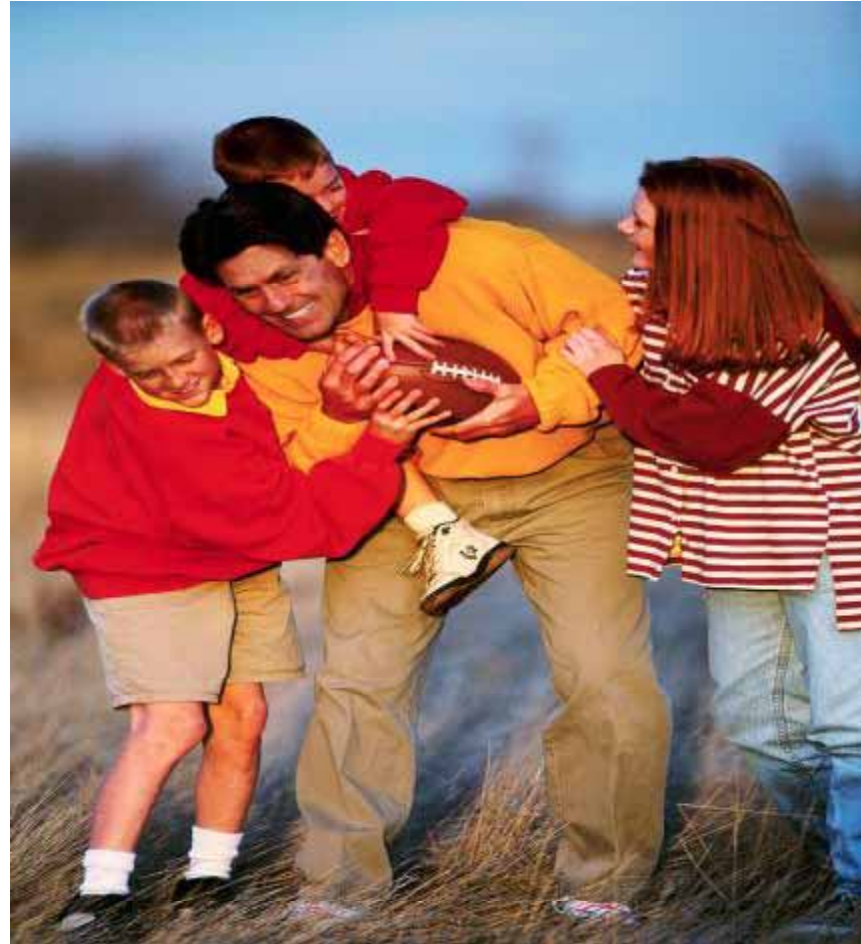




Enjoy family-friendly work schedules.

Receive paid holidays, breaks and summer vacations.

Explore opportunities for part-time work and job sharing.



## **4. Favorable Schedules**

## 5. Competitive Salaries



- Reap rewards for advanced credentials, degrees or the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC).
- Benefit from salary supplement, sign-on bonus, tuition reimbursement, loan forgiveness and relocation expenses.
- Gain extra income for summer or after school programs.



Collaborate  
with other  
professionals-  
teachers,  
nurses,  
occupational  
and physical  
therapists,  
and school  
psychologists.



## **6. Working as Professional Team Member**

## 7. Ongoing Professional Development



- Advance your professional knowledge.
- Learn about school-related topics.
- Share your expertise with others.



Develop  
specialization

Advance to  
administrative  
work

Participate in  
research



## **8. Variety of Career Options**

## 9. Opportunity for Creativity



- **Develop new approaches, techniques and materials.**
- **Create unique programs to meet student needs.**
- **Work with new models of service delivery and other new school initiatives.**



Unlock a student's potential.

Contribute to students' personal, academic, social and vocational growth.

Develop long-term relationships.



## **10. A Life-Long Career**

# ASHA is here to help!



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setting

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