



# SmartPalate Candidate Considerations

One of the most important things to do when considering the SmartPalate System is to determine which of your clients are good candidates. One of the biggest mistakes an SLP can do is limit themselves & therefore their clients due to misconceptions on who the SmartPalate can be used with. In summary, anyone with a Speech or Language issue that has anything to do with tongue to palate contact or lip closure can benefit from the SmartPalate. As long as a child has enough cognitive ability to understand that the software shows a representation of their tongue to palate contact & that correct & incorrect palatal contact is indicated by either blue or orange lights, they are good candidates for the SmartPalate.

*The following are important facts to consider when determining which clients would be good candidates for the SmartPalate & can be reviewed with you by a CompleteSpeech representative:*

## Age

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The SmartPalate has been used with children as young as 18 months old into geriatrics. We recommend ages 5 & up.

## Disorders

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The SmartPalate system has been researched & proven successful with practically every disorder that affects speech including but not limited to: Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Stroke, Apraxia, Deafness, swallowing, tongue thrust & more.

## Understanding

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A simple understanding that the palatal image on the screen represents their palate & that their tongue to palate contact is displayed on screen through blue & orange points lighting up is all that is needed to work with the SmartPalate.

## Orthodontics

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The SmartPalate can be successfully used with students who have or are removing braces & other orthodontic devices. Simple adjustments are made to the mouthpiece to accommodate for these circumstances where the majority of these are resolved with the simple application of denture adhesive.

## Physicality

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The SmartPalate has been used successfully with rapid oral changes & physical difficulties such as cleft palate. This would be based on the professional opinion of the dentist, orthodontist, surgeon, &/or the SLP, whether or not the changes or physical difficulties will be to extreme to obtain a proper dental mold impression. The Student Membership is the recommended route to pursue as it comes with an all inclusive warranty covering every circumstance except for loss.

## Financial Aid

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If financial circumstance prevents someone from benefiting from the SmartPalate, they can apply for financial aid through a CompleteSpeech professional or institutional member. This allows them to apply for low income (20%-50% discount) or sponsorship (51%-100% discount) through the Foundation for Articulation & Speech Therapy or F.A.S.T.