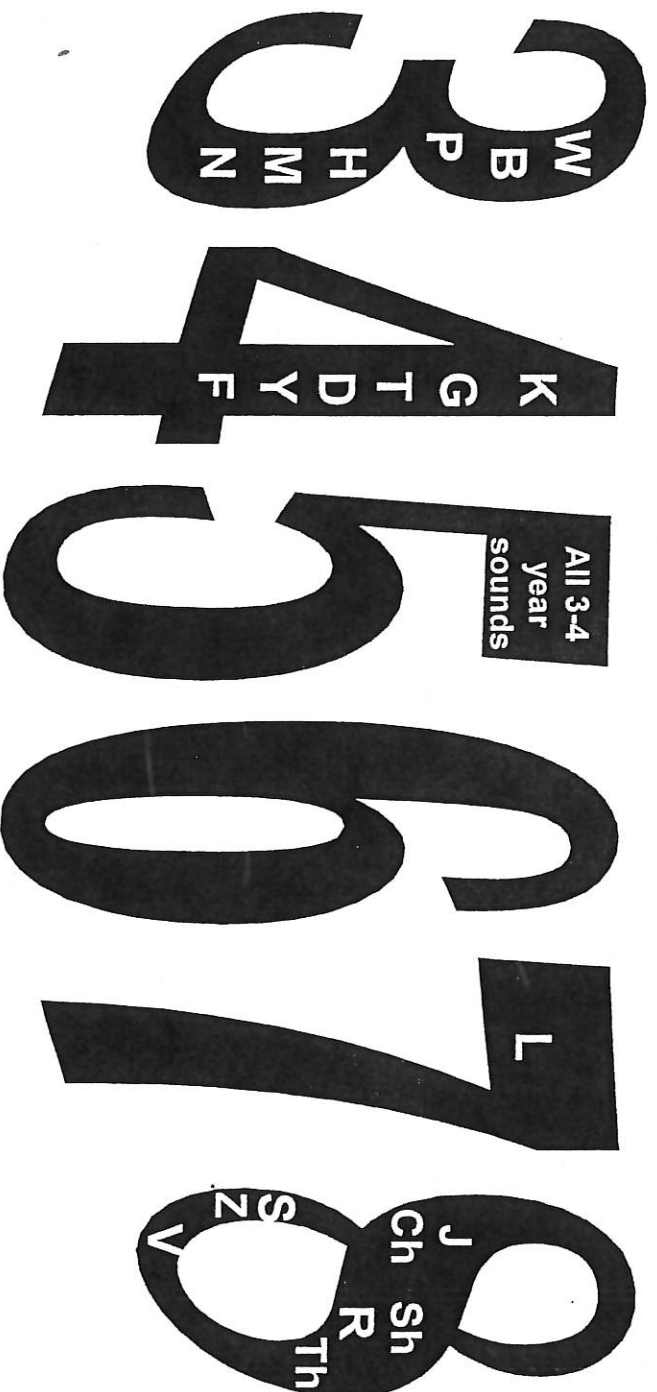


SOUND DEVELOPMENT AGES

Research indicates that sounds develop over a range of ages. The ages on this sound chart allow students time to develop correct sound production within developmental norms.



In addition to developmental norms, other considerations for eligibility for speech therapy include:

- Intelligibility
 - Stimulability - ability to make sound(s) with model
 - Error patterns (i.e., leaves off final sounds)
 - Oral motor skills
 - Impact on social and academic skills
 - Other disabilities that may relate to speech problem
- Structure of oral mechanism
 - Emerging production (indicators that student is developing correct production of the sound)