

# Hearing Impairment

## **Overview**

NAC defines “Hearing Impairment” to mean an impairment of the hearing mechanism which affects sound integration and prevents or delays the normal development of speech and language.

## **What assistance do we offer schools?**

- Communication observations, assessment support, and placement recommendations for students identified with a hearing loss in the district and needing additional support
- Consultation to IEP teams within the district who are supporting students with hearing loss in their zoned schools
- Semi self-contained programming for students with hearing loss who require direct instruction in their primary communication modality (i.e. sign language and/or spoken English)
- Consultative and direct instruction for students with a hearing loss in their mainstream setting who required additional support to be successful.
- Leveled system of support for general education classroom inclusion
- Training on classroom acoustics and language support in the general education classroom
- Support to teachers in designing appropriate classroom accommodations
- Assistance with Individualized Education Plans
- Students that have a hearing loss receive hearing checks through the district Audiologist as required by their IEPs
- The audiology department provides sound field and direct audio input equipment to support equal access of academics to students with a hearing loss according to their IEPs
- Audiology Technician to support equipment troubleshooting
- Direct communication services to address language, listening, and speech development in students with hearing loss

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