

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

A student who is deaf or hard of hearing will have hearing levels outside of the normal limits of hearing (e.g. a hearing loss of 20dB or greater in the better ear). Most students with a hearing loss will use some form of amplification (e.g. hearing aid, cochlear implant, FM system, etc.) and/or use sign language as their main mode of communication.

Eligibility Requirements

The following evidence is required to be submitted in order for Disability Services and Support to confirm eligibility for funding:

1. A recent audiogram by a qualified audiologist that shows a hearing loss outside of the normal limits of hearing as specified below:
 - bilateral, sensorineural hearing loss of 20dB or greater
 - bilateral, long term conductive hearing loss of 20dB or greater
 - mixed bilateral hearing loss (e.g. a mild, moderate, severe or profound combined sensorineural and conductive hearing loss) of 20dB or greater in the better ear
 - unilateral hearing loss indicating hearing within normal limits in one ear with a significant (greater than 60db) hearing loss in the other ear

2. A recent audiologist report outlining:
 - the type and severity of the hearing loss;
 - how the hearing loss impacts on the student's learning; and
 - ability to communicate effectively in school

Please note: Disability Services and Support may liaise with the School of Special Educational Needs: Sensory to confirm the student is accessing the curriculum requiring an AUSLAN interpreter.

Privacy and Confidentiality

The Department of Education is committed to protecting privacy, integrity of information obtained and confidentiality. All personal information must be obtained by lawful and fair means with the knowledge and consent of the person to whom it relates. Persons must be told why personal information is being collated and whether it may be accessible to any third party.

This includes parents of students who are under 18 years of age.

Parents or carers are directed to contact local school staff for further information.