

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Core Services

All elementary, middle, and high school sites serving students who are deaf or hard of hearing offer the same essential core services to students.

Instruction/Curriculum

- Follow Fairfax County Public Schools Program of Studies (POS) and Standards of Learning (SOL) as curriculum guidelines

Language Enrichment

- Provide language enriched self-contained classroom environments, which emphasize the development of reading, writing, listening, and speaking/communication skills to help students' progress in their curriculums
- Provide direct instruction from teacher to student in the student's communication modality

Continuum of Services

- Provide individualized instruction and/or small self-contained classes as defined in the students' Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Provide a range of opportunities from team taught classrooms with a general education and special education teacher to full inclusion in a general education classroom as appropriate
- Provide support to students who participate in general education classes through teacher consultations

Staff

- Provide self-contained classes taught by certified teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing
- Provide opportunities for student to communicate directly with staff trained in their communication modality

Audiology Services

- Provide full-time site-based audiologists to fit and monitor assistive devices
- Provide collaboration between site-based audiologists and cochlear implant teams to support habilitation goals

Related/Support Services

- Provide a variety of related services in order to meet the individualized needs of students. These services may include: speech and language; physical therapy; occupational therapy; learning disability; emotional disability; autism; and behavior management, etc.
- Provide services and support from social workers and psychologists

Technology

- Utilize and monitor a variety of assistive listening technology such as hearing aids, personal FM systems, sound field systems, and other amplification devices
- Provide access to classroom computers, computer labs, and individualized software and technology support
- Provide specialized safety devices (flashing fire alarms, playground equipment compatible with cochlear implants)
- Provide access to TDD/TTYs

Socialization and Positive Role Models

- Provide opportunities to socialize with peers who are deaf and hard of hearing, as well as hearing peers
- Provide opportunities to interact with adult role models who are deaf and hard of hearing

Parent Education

- Provide educational, social, and support programs for parents related to communication and hearing loss issues

Core Services - Itinerant

Itinerant teachers provide services to students who are deaf and hard of hearing in schools other than site-based programs.

Instruction/Curriculum

- Support students participation in the Fairfax County Public Schools Program of Studies (POS), Standards of Learning (SOL), and other classroom curriculums such as Life Skills programs

Continuum of Services

- Provide services to students as indicated in the students' Individualized Education Plans (IEP) ranging from monitor/consult level to direct services

Staff

- Provide services delivered by certified teachers of students who are deaf and hard of hearing

Audiology Services

- Provide itinerant educational audiologists to fit and monitor assistive devices

Technology

- Utilize and monitor a variety of assistive listening technology such as hearing aids, personal FM systems, sound field systems, and other amplification devices