

# Hearing Screening Considerations for Teachers for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

## HEARING SCREENING REQUIREMENTS per IC 20-34-3-14

- ★ Hearing screenings are conducted annually for the following students:
  - ★ Students in grades 1, 4, 7, 10
  - ★ Students transferred into the school corporation
  - ★ A student who is suspected of having hearing defects
- ★ Records of all tests must be continuously maintained by the school corporation

## TEACHERS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING FOLLOW-UP

- ★ Become familiar with your schools' hearing screening procedures
- ★ Collaborate with screeners to assist with follow-up efforts ([IC 20-43-1-8.5 Child Find](#))
- ★ Follow-up with families of children sent referral letters based on screening results by email, phone, letter
  - ★ Explain hearing levels and their impact on education
  - ★ Connect families with local resources
  - ★ Obtain consent to release information to communicate with audiologist/ENT
- ★ Observe student in the educational setting
- ★ Obtain audiological records and assist in initiating an educational evaluation if appropriate
- ★ Follow-up with families regarding evaluations process

## HEARING SCREENING CONSIDERATIONS

- ★ Who conducts hearing screenings in each school?
- ★ When are the first round of hearing screenings scheduled?
- ★ When are re-screens scheduled?
- ★ How does a family get notified regarding their child's hearing screening results?
- ★ How soon after the re-screen is the family notified?
- ★ Who submits hearing screening data to the Indiana Department of Education and on what timeline?
- ★ How does the school receive follow-up audiological information from families?

## RESOURCES

- ★ [Hearing Screening Law](#)
- ★ [2020-2021 School Health Report memo](#)
- ★ [Indiana Department of Education: Hearing Screenings](#)
- ★ [Hearing Screenings Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- ★ [Relationship of Hearing Loss to Listening and Learning Needs](#)
- ★ [Indiana Audiology Provider Facilities](#)
- ★ [CDC: Questions You May Want to Ask Your Child's Audiologist](#)
- ★ [Hearing Aid Assistance Program of Indiana \(HA-API\)](#)
- ★ [IC 20-43-1-8.5 Child Find](#)