

Teaching Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

Terminology

Deaf - a particular group of deaf people who share a language (ASL) and a culture

deaf - audiological condition of not hearing

Hard of Hearing (HOH) - a person with mild to moderate hearing loss

Deafness Under IDEA

Deafness is... "an hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a child's educational performance"

Deafness and Dance



Pick music with a heavy beat



Explain why we count to eight and make contact while counting



Use dance vocabulary. Deaf students need to know the names of dance moves too!

Possible Causes

Pre-Natal

Genetics Rubella
Cytomegalovirus Possible medications

Post-Natal

Severe Illnesses Head Injury
Exposure to a loud noise

Deafness and Art



Connect with parents, and interpreters of the student



Caption everything and use visuals



Model or have students model what you would like for them to do



Never turn your back while talking

Assistive Technology



FM Systems

Telecommunication

Captioning

Visual Alerting Devices

In the Classroom...



Look at the student's audiogram to understand their hearing ability



Learn sign language as a class!



Be positive and encouraging! Everyone needs a cheerleader!

Deafness and Culturally Responsive Teaching



Team with local organizations that support students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



Acknowledge that the majority of research and information of the deaf community is centered around the white deaf population



Uplift BIPOC deaf people who can be an inspiration to students (artists, athletes, authors)