

Overview

According to the Georgia Department of Education, "A student who is deaf or hard of hearing is one who exhibits a hearing loss, whether permanent or fluctuating, that interferes with the acquisition or maintenance of auditory skills necessary for the normal development of speech, language, and academic achievement."

- A child who is deaf has a Pure Tone Average of 66-90+ decibels and the primary sensory input for communication may be other than the auditory channel.
- A child who is hard of hearing has a Pure Tone Average 30dB to 65dB and typically relies upon the auditory channel as the primary sensory input for communication.



This brochure introduces the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Special Education services available in the Cherokee County School District. It also lists many national and local resources available to children with hearing loss and their families. Although these programs are not monitored or endorsed by the Cherokee County School District, they are provided to help families navigate appropriate resources for their child.



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Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH)

Parent Resource Guide



"Educating the Emerging Generation"

Resources

CCSD DEAF/HARD OF HEARING SERVICES

The Cherokee County School District offers a variety of services to meet the varying needs of students with hearing loss across the district. Eligibility and services are determined by the IEP Team on an individual basis.

Preschool Services

CCSD offers preschool services for children ages three to five. Options include services provided at a Community Based Preschool, CCSD Center Based Preschool Classes, and the D/HH Preschool Class.



School Age Services

Depending on the needs of the student, CCSD offers instruction by a certified Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teacher at a Center Based location or through Itinerant Services at the student's zoned school.

Sign Language Interpreter Services

Certified American Sign Language interpreters facilitate communication between the student with hearing loss and his/her teachers and peers.

Audiology Services

CCSD employs 2 full-time audiologists that provide comprehensive audiological evaluations, guidance on the hearing needs of students in the classroom, and Hearing Assistive Technology.

- **Dr. Jan Henriques** is located at Dean Rusk Middle School. Contact her at 770.704.1145 or Jan.Henriques@cherookeek12.net.
- **Dr. Tonya Nussbaum** is located at Hasty Elementary. Contact her at 770.721.6579 or Tonya.Nussbaum@cherookeek12.net.

504 Plans are available to students with hearing loss that do not qualify for an IEP. These plans provide accommodations to overcome the impact of the hearing loss in the classroom.



LOCAL PEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGY RESOURCES

Wellstar Pediatric ENT



CHOA Hearing Clinic



Pediatric ENT of Atlanta (PENTA)



Georgia Charitable Care Network, Inc.

Selected by the state to serve as the administrator of the Hearing Aid Distribution Program to provide hearing aids to Georgia residents on a sliding scale fee.



Children's Medical Services

Early hearing detection and intervention resources for children with hearing loss.



LOCAL SUPPORT RESOURCES

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation

Provides support for students in high school and beyond as they seek to join the workforce or further their education.



Georgia Hands and Voices

Provides supports and resources to families of children with hearing loss.



Georgia Center for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Provides a variety of assistive services to the deaf and hard of hearing.



Georgia PINES

Provides early intervention services for families of newly diagnosed children birth to 3 years with hearing and/or vision loss.



Parent to Parent of Georgia

Database searchable by disability, location, service type, or life category; personal support from parents with similar concerns.



Auditory Verbal Center of Atlanta

Provides comprehensive Auditory Verbal and Audiological Services to children and their families, focusing on oral language development.



NATIONAL SUPPORT RESOURCES

A.G. Bell

Provides services and financial assistance to promote listening & spoken language outcomes for children with hearing loss.



Center for Parent Information & Resources

Information on deafness & hearing loss.



Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center

Provides information, training, and technical assistance for parents and professionals to meet the needs of deaf & hard of hearing children from birth to 21.



COLLEGE RESOURCES

Although IEPs do not follow students to college, accommodations can be requested through the Office of Student Disability Services at the college they attend.

College Board (SAT, PSAT, AP) & ACT Testing Accommodations - Parents must contact the school to initiate the application process.

SAT



ACT

