

COMMON CLASSROOM ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HEARING IMPAIRMENT



What is Hearing Impairment?

A hearing impairment is a partial or total inability to hear, ranging from mild to profound. It can affect one or both ears, stem from loud noises, genetics, or infections and can be managed with hearing aids, cochlear implants, or medical treatment.

Classroom Accommodations

- Provide a Sign Language Interpreter.
- Provide the student with Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART).
- Utilize modified textbooks or audio-video materials when appropriate.
- Obtain students attention prior to speaking.
- Repeat or rephrase information when necessary.
- Provide the student with the opportunity for preferred seating.
- Incorporate brief listening breaks to support the student's focus and participation.
- Provide the student with Assistive Listening Devices (ALD).
- The teacher maintains a face-to-face position with the class when speaking.
- Provide captioning for any videos used during class time.
- Provide the student with C-Print Transcription Services.
- Allow the student to have extended time on tests and assignments.
- Clearly enunciate speech and reduce auditory distractions in the classroom.
- Enable closed captioning on all media used in the classroom.
- Give written directions in addition to verbal directions.

For More Information

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