

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

"Deafness" means a hearing impairment that is so severe that the child is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification, that adversely affects the child's educational performance. 34 CFR § 300.7 (c) (3) *

"Hearing Impairment" means an impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a child's educational performance but that is not included under the definition of deafness in this section. 34 CFR § 300.7 (c) (5)*

*Note: These are federal definitions from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

In February of 2019, the Virginia legislature passed House Bill 2137. The following is a summary:

Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing; terminology. Replaces the term "hearing impaired" and its variations with "deaf or hard of hearing" and "hearing loss" throughout the Code of Virginia. The bill also renames the Virginia Hearing Impairment Identification and Monitoring System as the Virginia Hearing Loss Identification and Monitoring System.

Loudoun County Public Schools provides a continuum of services to eligible students with a hearing loss. Depending on the educational needs of the students, a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing works with students in a variety of settings. Educational sign language interpreters are available, if appropriate, to support students in the general education setting. If a student requires an assistive listening device to access the curriculum, educational audiologists are available to order, fit and troubleshoot the device.

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Resources

[The Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind \(VSDB\)](#)

[Guidelines for Working With Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in Virginia Public Schools](#)

[The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing \(VDDHH\)](#)

[The Technical Assistance Center for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and VNOC](#)

[Virginia's Resource Guide for Families of Children with Hearing Loss](#)

[Virginia Hearing Aid Loan Bank](#)

[The Virginia Project for Children and Youth with Deaf-Blindness](#)

[Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons](#)

[Hands and Voices Virginia](#)

[National Association of the Deaf](#)

[Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#)

[Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)

[National Cued Speech Association](#)

