Vermilion Association for Special Education
Deafness Entrance Criteria

State/Cooperative Definition

Deafness is 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 a child's educational performance.

Step 1: Identification of a Disability

Y N Identification of Disability

Y N Documentation of hearing impairment, with or without amplification

Y N Documentation that hearing impairment prevents child from adequately processing spoken language, with or without amplification

Step 2: Determination of Adverse Effect

Y N Documentation of adverse effect on educational performance

Step 3: Determination of Need of Special Education Services

Y N The student requires specialized instruction to address the adverse effect of the delays on educational performance.

Step 4: Eligibility

Y N The student is entitled to special education services.