

18 REASONS WHY YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS AN EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST:¹

- Provide community leadership to ensure that all infants, toddlers, and youth with impaired hearing are promptly identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate intervention services
- Collaborate with community resources to develop a high-risk registry, newborn screening, and follow-up
- Coordinate hearing screening programs for preschool and school-aged children
- Train audiometric technicians or other appropriate personnel to screen for hearing loss
- Perform comprehensive, educationally relevant, hearing evaluations
- Assess central auditory function
- Make appropriate medical, educational, and community referrals
- Interpret audiological assessment results to other school personnel
- Assist in program placement as a member of the educational team to make specific recommendations for auditory and communication needs
- Provide in-service training on hearing and hearing impairments and their implications to school personnel, children, and parents
- Educate about noise exposure and hearing loss prevention
- Make recommendations about the use of hearing aids, cochlear implants, group and classroom amplification, and assistive listening devices
- Ensure the proper fit and functioning of hearing aids and other auditory devices
- Analyze classroom noise and acoustics and make recommendations for improving the listening environment
- Manage the use and calibration of audiometric equipment
- Collaborate with school, parents, teachers, special support personnel, and relevant community agencies and professionals to ensure delivery of appropriate services
- Make recommendations for assistive devices (radio/television, telephone, alerting, convenience) for students with hearing impairments
- Provide services including home programming if appropriate, in the areas of speech, reading, listening, communication strategies, use and care of amplification, including cochlear implants and self-management of hearing needs

¹ Modified from ASHA (1993). Guidelines for audiology services in the schools. *Asha* 35, pg. 29
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