

Deafness

Federal Definition:

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.

State Definition:

The Illinois definition is the same as the federal definition as stated above.

Diagnostic Criteria

Determinant Factors If the student is not succeeding due to (a) lack of scientifically based practices and programs that contain the essential components of reading, (b) lack of instruction in math, or (c) Limited English Proficiency, the student is not eligible for services under IDEA.

Exclusionary Criteria Deficits cannot be due to environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantages.

Inclusionary Criteria

- Permanent hearing deficit as documented by audiologist

Adverse Effect Student's IEP requires individual statement of adverse effect.

Adversely affects educational performance in academic achievement, acquisition and execution of functional skills, social/emotional adjustment and/or communication within the school setting.