

Hearing Impairment

Federal Definition:

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.

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

- Sensorineural or mixed hearing deficit documented by licensed audiologist or physician
- Fluctuating conductive or permanent conductive hearing loss greater than 20dB documented by a licensed audiologist or physician
- Unilateral hearing impairment of any etiology as documented by licensed audiologist or physician

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.