Hearing Impairment and Deafness Definition

"Hearing Impairment" means impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a child’s educational performance, but is not included in the following definition for deafness.

"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 a child’s educational performance.

Criteria for Initial Determination of Eligibility

A child displays a Hearing Impairment/Deafness when:

A. a hearing impairment has been diagnosed by an audiologist, and

B. the hearing impairment adversely affects the child's educational performance.