

### Deaf or Hard of Hearing

“Deaf or hard of hearing”, which may be referred to as a hearing impairment, means the following:

(1) A disability that, with or without amplification, adversely affects the student's:

- (A) ability to use hearing for developing language and learning;
- (B) educational performance; and
- (C) developmental progress.

(2) The hearing loss may be:

- (A) permanent or fluctuating;
- (B) mild to profound; or
- (C) unilateral or bilateral.

(3) Students who are deaf or hard of hearing may use:

- (A) spoken language;
- (B) sign language; or
- (C) a combination of spoken language and signed systems.