



Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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An open letter to Special Services Directors, families of deaf children, and any other interested parties:

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In 2000, the Oklahoma Legislature designated the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur as the Statewide Resource Center on deafness to meet the needs of deaf children and school districts across the state (Senate Bill 850).

As the resource center on deafness for the state, we offer the following various services to Local Education Agencies free of charge:

1. Deaf Education Consultation
Each Deaf or Hard of Hearing student's IEP requires a certified Deaf Educator to sign their IEP to meet state and federal guidelines.
2. Evaluations
Assessments for three-year evaluations are provided on our campus in Sulphur.
3. Exams
Free audiological exams are also offered at our campus.
4. Resources
OSD provides a lending library of various books, videos and materials on deafness and sign language.
5. Staff Development
Educational staff in public schools will benefit from in-service programs which address the needs of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
6. Classroom Accessibility
Important considerations for students who are deaf or hard of hearing are classroom modifications, including appropriate technological support and acoustical and visual modifications.
7. Educational Interpreters
The shortage of qualified interpreters has been indicated nationwide. Assistance with locating interpreters within the state will be provided. In addition, information related to appropriate communication accessibility will be available.

If you are in need of any of these services, you may contact us for an appointment. Please contact:

Traci Prince, Director, Student Assessment Center at (580) 622-4930 or
Carolyne Paradiso, Director, Special Projects at (580)622-4956

Sincerely,

Traci Prince
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