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Purpose

Educators' Resource Guide: Supporting Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing provides basic information to support educational programming and to help ensure successful school experiences for students who are Deaf or hard of hearing (DHH). Teaching a student who is DHH can be a challenging and rewarding experience.

Audience

This resource has been developed for educators working with students who are DHH in Manitoba schools. The primary audience is classroom teachers, but other members of the support team (teachers of the DHH, educational assistants, administrators, resource teachers, counsellors, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, auditory-verbal therapists, American Sign Language (ASL)-English interpreters, ASL specialists, etc.) will find the information useful.

Background

Educators' Resource Guide reflects the collaborative efforts of parents, professionals, and community members from across the province of Manitoba. Committee members had a diverse range of skills and experiences in working with students who are DHH. The information in this guide reflects the range and diversity of services available to students who are DHH in Manitoba schools.

Document Organization

This document is organized into the following sections:

- Introduction
- Hearing Loss: This section describes how the ear works, how hearing loss occurs, and how testing reveals hearing loss. It also outlines the different types of hearing loss, as well as the variety of supports available.
- Identity: This section describes identity development and issues faced in the classroom by students who are DHH.

- **Communication:** This section provides information about the importance of language development and how to facilitate that development and provide training in communication skills for students who are DHH.
- **Education:** This section provides information about how to make classrooms more friendly and teaching practices more appropriate for students who are DHH.
- **Appendices:** A variety of additional charts and information sheets are provided in the appendices.
- **Glossary:** The glossary defines terms that have been printed in bold throughout the document. Glossary terms are printed in bold the first time they are used.
- **Bibliography:** The bibliography provides an overview of all of the sources consulted and cited in the development of this document.

Sidebars and Graphics

This document uses sidebars and a variety of graphics to support the reader.



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This icon indicates a reference to the Appendices.

Term
definition

Terms included in the glossary are usually defined in the sidebar when first used if they are not explained in the main text.

Facts
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quotes

Interesting facts and quotes are included as extra information.



References to other Manitoba Education materials are provided.



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