The Role of the Educational Audiologist

Audiology services are a related service, as defined by Federal Regulations of IDEA of 2004 (34 CFR 300.34(a)). Audiology services may be provided to all students within the district in accordance with the Arizona State Revised Statues (Chapter 7.2 Article 1 section 36-899).

The Educational Audiologist:

Works with school nursing staff to coordinate yearly hearing screenings and follow-up assessment, to help identify educationally significant hearing losses.

Consults with teachers, parents, and staff to discuss listening accommodations for hearing impaired students.

Shares information with school personnel from outside agencies, such as the clinical audiologist.

Provides information about the impact of hearing loss on classroom learning to general education teachers, special education teachers, speech-language pathologists and support staff.

Evaluates the classroom environment for noise issues.

Conducts comprehensive hearing evaluations in the school setting.

Assists the educational team in program placement decisions for students with hearing impairments.

Provides referrals to medical and community-based audiology services.

Participates in multidisciplinary team meetings and the decision making process.

Counsels families and students about the effects of hearing loss, both within and outside of the classroom environment.
Provides training to staff regarding classroom amplification benefits & use, strategies for classroom accommodations, and more.

Educates students about hearing loss, amplification technology, and noise pollution.

Supports special education teachers and teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Advocates for the classroom listening needs for all students.

Provides hearing screening assistance for special education preschool programs, difficult to test young students, or students with multiple disabilities.

Supports area school districts by meeting the federally mandated requirements of IDEA legislation for service delivery to students experiencing hearing loss.