

# EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGY SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES FROM THE EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGY ASSOCIATION

## 1 WHO ARE EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGISTS (EdAuD)?

Members of the school multidisciplinary team who:

- facilitate listening, learning and communication access via specialized assessments;
- monitor personal hearing instruments;
- recommend, fit and manage hearing access technology (HAT);
- provide and recommend support services and resources.


What is an EdAuD's scope of practice?



**AUDIOLOGISTS ARE RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS ON AN IEP OR SECTION 504 PLAN.**




How do I know which professional supports are needed for students who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind?

1  Use these checklists to help you decide!

1) Role Comparisons: Supporting Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

2) EAA Roles of TODs, Educational Audiologists, or SLPs?

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## 2 WHAT SPECIALIZED SERVICES CAN EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGISTS PROVIDE?

- Trainings on impact of hearing loss and strategic classroom accommodations
- Implementation of hearing technology (hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM/DM RMHAT systems).
- Auditory processing evaluations and intervention
- Collaboration and recommendations for IEPs, 504 plans, and student support team plans
- Trainings on how to create accessible learning environments

## 3 WHY SHOULD AUDIOLOGISTS SELECT, FIT, AND VERIFY FM/DM HEARING TECHNOLOGY?

- Educational audiologists are experts in selecting, fitting, verifying, and managing hearing access technology for students.
- Educational audiologists hold a crucial role in ensuring students get the right amplification and technology to support learning.
- Only audiologists can recommend, fit, and verify listening technologies for children.

If the child with hearing differences has a clinical audiologist, why do they need an educational audiologist?

**Both are important.** EdAuDs focus on what students need in the school environment. Use the EAA roles checklist for help!



Do schools really need an educational audiologist to help children with hearing differences? Wrightslaw Explains



## 4 HELP! I HAVE A NEW CHILD ON MY CASELOAD WITH A HEARING DIFFERENCE. WHERE DO I START?

- Hold a team meeting with qualified providers and family members.
- Follow the National Association of State Directors of Special Education's (NASDSE) "Ten Essential Principles to Optimize the Education of Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing."



## 5 WHERE DO I GO FOR HELP?

- Educational Audiologist in your school district or cooperative
- Educational Audiology Association (EAA) for resources and support: [www.edaud.org](http://www.edaud.org)
- Special Education Department for IEP and hearing-related services
- Hearing Support Programs in your state or region

Let's work toward optimal outcomes for children who are DHH/DB by following NASDSE Guidelines!

