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## Mission Statement

South Dakota School for the Deaf was established in 1880 to serve children identified as deaf or hard of hearing. Since that time, SDSD has worked to provide quality educational programs and outreach services for children and their families.

The school's mission includes providing a deaf educational program using American Sign Language (ASL) in the Harrisburg Public Schools, consultation to families and educational teams statewide, and comprehensive student evaluations including audiology and hearing screening.

SDSD serves as a resource for families and local schools by providing a specialist in the education of deaf and hard of hearing students as a member of the educational team.

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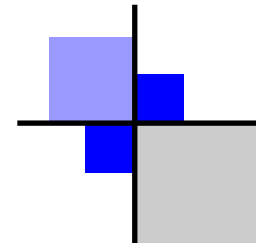


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## Outreach Program



South Dakota School for the Deaf



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## Outreach Program Overview

Children living in the state of South Dakota who have been professionally identified as deaf or hard of hearing may be eligible for services through the SDSD Outreach Program upon request. Services can continue until a student graduates from high school. All services can be requested by parents, guardians, local educational agencies (LEA), or other service and medical providers and are provided at no cost.

## Admissions

### Parents/Guardians

1. Contact SDSD at 605.367.5200 to begin the process for admission to the Outreach Program. Be prepared to answer questions about your child, their hearing level, and local educational agency.
2. Once basic contact information is received, educational and medical release forms will be shared with you to sign and return. This information is necessary so individualized services can be offered to your child and family.
3. Your child and family will be assigned an Outreach Consultant who will contact you to discuss your service needs.



## Types of Service

### Early Intervention (Home-Based)

SDSD offers early intervention services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. Some of these services may include:

- Information on hearing level, assistive technology, language development, and communication options
- Participation in the development of an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Demonstration of the use of hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM systems, or other forms of listening technology
- Information sharing with other service providers such as speech-language pathologists, audiologists, cochlear implant teams, and educational teams
- Social opportunities and networking with other families raising deaf or hard of hearing children

### School-Based

School-based services are provided for children who are receiving educational services through any school program and are designed to support school professionals who work with students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Services may include:

- Staff in-services to share information about hearing level and its educational effects
- Technical assistance and orientation with hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM and soundfield systems, interpreters, and other technology
- Participation in the development of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan
- Classroom peer presentations about hearing loss
- Educational strategies and materials

## External Evaluations

External evaluations are available for educational agencies who serve students who are deaf or hard of hearing. SDSD team members have kept abreast of the many changes in deafness which have occurred in recent years and are able to serve children with any type of varied hearing level, listening technology, and communication methodology (e.g. ASL, Spoken English). The evaluation team is comprised of a group of highly qualified professionals who have decades of experience working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing and those with additional disabilities.

For additional information on scheduling external evaluations, contact:

Laura Scholten, SDSD Service Coordinator  
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## Audiological Testing

SDSD employs licensed audiologists who perform diagnostic audiological evaluations for South Dakota children from birth through high school graduation. SDSD also operates a mobile audiology unit to bring services to children who live across the state and to assist in school screenings. Audiological services can be provided at either of SDSD's on-site clinics, Sioux Falls and Rapid City, or off-site using the mobile diagnostic hearing lab.

For additional information, contact 605.367.5200.

To schedule the mobile lab, email:  
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