

Guidelines for IEP Teams

IEP Communication Plan for Student Who Is Deaf or Hard of Hearing

(2) Consideration of special factors. The IEP Team must--

(iv) Consider the communication needs of the child, and in the case of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, consider the child's language and communication needs, opportunities for direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the child's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the child's language and communication mode;

The IEP team has considered each item below:

I. ...consider the child's language and communication needs,
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1. The student's primary **language** is one or more of the following (check all that apply):

Receptive Expressive

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | English |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | American Sign Language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | native language _____ |

2. The student's primary **communication mode** is one or more of the following (check all that apply):

Receptive

- Auditory
- Conceptual signs [e.g. American Sign Language, Pidgin Signed English (PSE) also referred to as Conceptually Accurate Signed English (CASE)]
- English signs (e.g. Manually Coded English such as Signed English or Signing Exact English)
- Fingerspelling
- Gestures
- Speechreading
- Tactile
- Other, please explain _____
- Cued Speech

Expressive

- Conceptual signs [e.g. American Sign Language, Pidgin Signed English (PSE) also referred to as Conceptually Accurate Signed English (CASE)]
- English signs (e.g. Manually Coded English such as Signed English or Signing Exact English)
- Fingerspelling
- Gestures
- Spoken Language
- Tactile
- Other, please explain _____
- Cued Speech

3. What language(s) and mode(s) of communication do the parents use with their child? What modes does the child use with peers?

4. Comments (optional):

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II. ...consider opportunities for direct* communications with peers and professional personnel and opportunities for instruction in the child's language and communication mode,

**Direct language/communication/ instruction occurs person to person, not through an additional source e.g. educational interpreter, captioner.*

The IEP team has considered: (These social, emotional and academic opportunities may be provided by the school or family)

1. Opportunities for direct* communication with peers.
Describe opportunities:

2. Opportunities for direct* communication with professional staff and other school personnel.
Describe opportunities:

3. Opportunities for direct* instruction.
Describe opportunities:

III. ...consider academic level,

1. Does the student have the communication and language necessary to acquire grade-level academic skills and concepts of the general education curriculum?
 Yes: What supports are needed to continue proficiency in grade-level academic skills and concepts of the general education curriculum?

 No: What supports are needed to increase the student's proficiency in his/her language and communication to acquire grade-level academic skills and concepts of the general education curriculum?

IV. ...consider full range of needs

- The team has considered the full range of needs
Comments (optional):

1. Does the child have access to all educational components of the school (regular education classes, related services, guidance counseling, recess, lunch, assemblies, extra curricular activities, etc.) If not what supports are needed to allow for access?

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2. Are adult language models available who communicate in the student's language/communication mode?
3. What accommodations/modifications are being provided? What additional accommodations/modifications were considered?

V. ... consider amplification needs

- Personal hearing devices (hearing aid, cochlear implant, tactile device)
- Personal FM system
- FM system/auditory trainer (w/o personal hearing device)
- Soundfield system
- No Amplification needed

Adapted from "Communication Considerations for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing," New Mexico, "IEP Communication Plan for Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing," Iowa and "Communication Plan for Child/Student Who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing," Colorado.