



Signs and Symptoms of Hearing Loss

School personnel should be aware of the signs and symptoms of potential hearing loss for students who cannot complete a hearing screening, and/or to identify students who may need a screening in a year they normally would not receive one. In accordance with the Commissioner's Regulation (8 NYCRR §136.3 [a][4]), we request that you review the following:

Indicators a student may display indicating a possible hearing impairment include:

- Sudden school failure following a severe illness
- Speech is delayed.
- Speech is not clear.
- Talking either too loudly or too softly
- Frequent requests to repeat what has just been said
- Often says, "Huh?"
- Does not follow directions. This is sometimes a mistake for not paying attention or just ignoring,
- Irrelevant or inappropriate answers to questions
- Inattention to classroom discussion
- Turning one ear toward a speaker
- Watching the lips of the speaker
- Turns the volumes up too high.
- Tending to isolate self, being passive, or tiring easily