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Students with hearing and listening problems may perform well below their academic potential or may be stressed or fatigued, simply because they cannot hear clearly enough to understand the instructor or the material. Poor classroom listening environments exacerbate this problem. Management of all systems which impact communication and learning for these students is necessary to assure every child has the opportunity for an appropriate education. To accomplish this goal, Educational Audiologists are employed/contracted by schools to:

- 1 - Perform** and/or interpret comprehensive, educationally relevant hearing evaluations and make recommendations to enhance communication access and learning.
- 2 - Provide** training about hearing, hearing loss and other auditory disorders for school personnel, students and parents to facilitate a better understanding of the impact of auditory impairments on language, learning, literacy and social development.
- 3 - Evaluate** and make recommendations for the use of hearing aids, cochlear implants, bone anchored and auditory osseointegrated devices as well as personal, classroom and other hearing access technology.
- 4 - Ensure** the proper fit and functioning of hearing aids, cochlear implants, bone anchored/osseointegrated devices and hearing assistive technology used to access auditory information.
- 5 - Explain** audiological assessment results to school personnel and what this means in the school environment.
- 6 - Collaborate** with school, parents, teachers, support personnel, and relevant community agencies and professionals to ensure delivery of appropriate services.

7 - Measure classroom noise, evaluate acoustics and make recommendations for improving the classroom listening environment.

8 - Make specific recommendations about best auditory learning environment to support listening and communication needs.

9 - Make appropriate medical, educational, and community referrals.

10 - Coordinate hearing screening programs for preschool and school-aged students ensuring professional standards are followed and screening personnel are appropriately trained.

11 - Facilitate auditory training, communication strategies, and use and care of hearing technologies.

12 - Manage the use and calibration of audiometric equipment.

13 - Make appropriate recommendations for daily living technologies (radio, television, telephone, messaging, alerting, and convenience) for students with hearing and listening difficulties.

14 - Collaborate with students, teachers, and parents to facilitate a greater understanding of the impact of noise exposure and hearing loss prevention.

15 - Provide community leadership and collaborate with community agencies to provide awareness of hearing and hearing loss and to assure that all children and youth with hearing loss are promptly identified, evaluated, and provided with resources and appropriate intervention services.



The Educational Audiology Association is an international organization of audiologists and related professionals who deliver a full spectrum of hearing services to all children, particularly those in educational settings.

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The mission of the Educational Audiology Association is to act as the primary resource and as an active advocate for its members through its publications and products, continuing educational activities, networking opportunities and other professional endeavors.

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