

Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Auditory Impairment (Deaf/Hard of Hearing)

Texas Education Agency resources related to Services to Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing:

- **Texas Education Agency** - [Services to Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#)
- **Texas School for the Deaf** - Provides a continuum of direct educational services to students, ages zero through twenty-one, who are deaf or hard of hearing and who may have multiple disabilities. TSD is also directed to serve as a statewide educational resource center on deafness, providing a variety of educational services to families, students, programs and professionals throughout the state working with persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- **Educational Resource Center on Deafness** - An outreach program of the Texas School for the Deaf, ERCOD works collaboratively with a variety of agencies, programs, and schools across Texas to create a network of information, services, and support designed to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing students, their families, and the professionals who serve them.
- **Statewide Leadership for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing** - Region 11 ESC provides leadership, staff development, technical assistance and support to help Texas school districts meet the educational needs of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- **Crossroads** - This online resource is a collaborative effort between ESC 11's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and the Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD) at Texas School for the Deaf. Both programs provide statewide services to improve educational outcomes for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Services are for three primary audiences: the [students](#), their [families](#), and the [professionals](#) who serve them.
- **Region 13 ESC** - Videos on a variety of tips for families/educators when using a variety of amplification devices.
- **Deaf/Hard of Hearing: Program Improvement and Instructional Resources** (Region 20 ESC) - This blog spot provides quick links to help parents and school personnel locate national, state, and regional resources developed to improve outcomes for students who are deaf or hard of hearing
- **The Legal Framework for the Child Centered Special Education Process** (Region 18 ESC) - [Auditory Impairment](#) and [Special Factors](#)

[American Sign Language Dictionary](#) - This website offers over 1270 terms with animated and text definitions.

[American Sign Language Browser](#) - Michigan State University's ASL Browser web

site, an online American Sign Language (ASL) browser where you can look up video of thousands of ASL signs and learn interesting things about them

[**American Society for Deaf Children**](#) - The web site of the American Society for Deaf Children whose purpose is “providing support, encouragement, and information to families raising children who are deaf or hard of hearing.”

[**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**](#) - This site provides information on hearing loss in children, data & statistics, as well as many free materials, including a Parents Guide to Hearing Loss.

[**Center for Parent Information and Resources**](#) - Resources on a wide range of special education topics, including a fact sheet on [Deafness and Hearing Loss](#) and [A Checklist for IEP Teams: Considering Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#).

[**DeafTEC**](#) - DeafTEC: Technological Education Center for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students serves as a resource for high schools and community colleges that educate deaf and hard-of-hearing students in STEM-related programs (science, technology, engineering and math) and for employers hiring deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

[**Deaf Linx**](#) - Provides resources for information on deafness, deaf culture, American Sign Language (ASL) and all other related topics.

[**Described and Captioned Media Program**](#) - Funded by the US Dept. of Education to promote and provide equal access to communication and learning for students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Free-loan described and captioned educational media is available; a clearinghouse of information; as well as a gateway to various internet resources.

[**Family Signs**](#) - A free sign language instruction program that provides one-on-one classes using computers with a high-speed Internet connection or videophones when available. This program is intended for parents of deaf or hard of hearing children who want to improve their sign language skills but do not have easy access to traditional sign language classes.

[**Gallaudet University Regional Center - Southwest**](#) - Gallaudet University’s Regional Centers offer professional studies and extension courses, training programs, workshops, conferences, and technical assistance to address the educational, transition, and professional development needs of deaf and hard of hearing people, their family members, educators and professionals. The Southwest Center is located at Austin Community College – Riverside Campus in Austin.

[**Hands & Voices**](#) - This is a national non-profit, parent-driven organization dedicated to supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Their website features many recommended resources and downloadable documents, including:

[**The IEP Checklist: Recommended Accommodations and Modification for**](#)

[Students with Hearing Loss](#) (pdf from C.D. Johnson & J. Seaton, Educational Audiology Handbook, 2nd Edition (2011), Cengage-Delmar Learning).

[Handspeak](#) - A subscription based website consisting of American Sign Language (ASL) online dictionary and lessons, as well as other visual and sign languages.

[Hearing Loss Association of America](#) - HLAA provides assistance and resources for people with hearing loss and their families to learn how to adjust to living with hearing loss. This website features a [directory](#) of state and local HLAA chapters.

[iTransition. It's all about me](#) - This is a free, online transition curriculum from Pepnet 2 to help students who are deaf or hard of hearing prepare for life after high school. There are four separate trainings with activities to help students learn about themselves, their career goals, and the skills they need to be successful in the future.

- Career Interests and Education Choices: It's My Plan!
- First Year College Success: Be the One!
- Essential Skills for College Living: It's My Life!
- eFolio: My Online Portfolio!

[Listening and Spoken Knowledge Center](#) - This is the website of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language. Here you can find resources on hearing loss, language development, and assistive hearing technology, advocacy, and other important information for individuals with hearing loss, their families, and professionals.

[National Association of the Deaf](#) - This is the web site of the National Association of the Deaf, a non-profit organization "safeguarding the accessibility and civil rights of 28 million deaf and hard of hearing Americans in education, employment, health care, and telecommunications."

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) - [Opening Doors: Technology and Communication Options for Children with Hearing Loss](#) provides background on early intervention, the use of technology and other supports available to children and their families.

[Online Colleges](#) - See [Support for Students with Hearing Impairments](#)

[Pepnet 2](#) - This site's mission is to improve postsecondary outcomes for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, including those with co-occurring disabilities. The website provides resources to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH), and the educators, schools, agencies and professionals who work with them. Our goal, and the focus of our resources, is to increase the educational, career, and lifetime choices available to individuals who are D/HH. The resources section of the website offers a number of tip sheets for parents, students and educators.

[Project IDEAL](#) – A website devoted to providing teacher preparation, but a good resource for families. They have specific online training modules on Managing Behavior. This project also offers a definition & characteristics of those with **[Hearing Impairments](#)**.

[Signing Savvy](#) - Signing Savvy is a sign language dictionary containing several thousand high resolution videos of American Sign Language (ASL) signs, fingerspelled words, and other common signs used within the United States and Canada.

[Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program \(STAP\)](#) - This voucher program provides financial assistance to Texans with disabilities that interfere with access to the telephone networks for the purchase of specialized assistive equipment or services. STAP is a program of the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

[Texas Association for the Deaf](#) - TAD is “a membership organization to provide information and education including surveys and studies to bring the viewpoint on various issues affecting the lives of people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing at all levels of the community. TAD also helps to ensure communication accessibility in our state, counties, and cities...”

[Texas Guide By Your Side™](#) - A family support program that provides unbiased support to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. This program is offered through a partnership between Texas Hand & Voices and the Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD).

[Texas Hands and Voices](#) - TX H&V offers support, information and resources in an unbiased manner to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Their **[resource page](#)** links to a wide range of resources on the national H&V website as well as to Texas resources. Recommended documents include **[Advocacy Skills for Hard of Hearing Students](#)** (pdf from **<http://www.sdsd.sdbor.edu/>**).

[Texas Health & Human Services](#) - The Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) works in partnership with people who are deaf or hard of hearing to eliminate societal and communication barriers to improve equal access for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. DHHS advocates for people of all ages who are deaf or hard of hearing to enable them to express their freedoms, participate in society to their individual potential, and reduce their isolation, regardless of location, socioeconomic status, or degree of disability.

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