

Distance Learning with a student who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Some tips compiled to make it easier for Deaf/HH students to learn virtually.

Use a microphone or headset

if available, this can make it easier for the student to hear you clearly.



Use Closed Captioning on all Visual Media

Students should know to turn on closed captioning on videos that they would watch during their independent learning time.



Light should be facing you, not behind you.

Posterior lighting darkens the face and makes it more difficult to get visual cues.



Reduce background noise.

Please turn off any background noise in your space (ex. Fan, TV, dishwasher).



Mute all students.

This makes it clear to follow who is speaking.



Determine a procedure for asking questions.

For example, typing Q in the chat box to indicate the child has a question.



Check for understanding in open-ended questions.

Avoid yes/no questions.



State the name of the student being called on, and repeat what was said.

Repeat what the student shared in case it was not audible for the child with a hearing loss.

