

Denton Regional Day School Program for the Deaf

The Denton RDSPD was established by Denton ISD and TEA in 1974 to provide services to eligible students, ages birth to 21, who are eligible for special education services based on auditory impairment and reside in Denton, Cooke, or Wise County. Services are prescribed by an IFSP or ARD committee and based on the educational need of each student as determined by assessment.

Services range from general education support with interpreter services, if needed, to self-contained deaf education with instruction provided



by certified teachers of the deaf and/or hard of hearing. The program stresses English acquisition for language development and speech using a total communication approach.



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Parent Education Program

Children under the age of three who qualify as auditorially impaired and are eligible for services through the Infant and Toddler Intervention Program (ITIP) of North Texas Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) may receive services through a home-based parent education program. A certified teacher of the deaf with specialized training in the SKI*HI (Sensory Integration Training for the Hearing Impaired) curriculum works with the parent(s) and child in the stimulation of receptive and expressive language. Developmental areas typically



Early identification is a critical aspect of language and speech

addressed may include self-help, communication, listening, problem solving and cognition, and gross and fine motor skills. Extended family members and/or other caregivers involved with the child's development

may be included in the program. Home-based services must be prescribed through the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) process and ECI. For more information about ECI services in Denton and Wise Counties, please contact the:

Infant and Toddler Intervention Program
1208 Bentoaks Ct., Denton, TX 76210
(940) 536-1192

School-based Programs

Preschool

Educational programming is available in the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) for students with hearing impairment who are 3-4 years of age and developmentally ready. Attendance and level of service is an ARD committee decision based upon educational assessment and need.

K-12 Programs & Services

A continuum of services is available for K-12 students with hearing impairment who need instruction by certified teachers of the deaf and/or a total communication approach. Based upon assessment of educational need, the ARD committee may place a student in a self-contained deaf education setting or a fully mainstreamed setting with a sign language interpreter or any combination of these instructional options. If the student qualifies as speech impaired, speech therapy may also be prescribed. A full range of related and support services—including content mastery assistance and resource instruction—are available to support the student in the prescribed placement. Every effort is made to include students in the general education setting and to return them to their home school campuses.

Related Services

Assistive Technology

Such as the need for an assistive listening device (ALD) or FM systems will be considered by the ARD committee at least annually.

Audiological Services

May be prescribed by the ARD committee to support amplification equipment used in the classroom. At least once every 3 years, the need for updated audiological testing and otological examination will also be addressed.

Interpreting Services

May be provided for all general education instruction if the ARD committee determines through the communication assessment that the child's mode of communication is or includes sign language. Both Signing Exact English (SEE) and American Sign Language (ASL) systems such as Pidgin Signed English are utilized by sign language interpreters and deaf education teachers.

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