

**DALHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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To: Mr. Foote
Dalhart Independent School Board of Trustees

From: Diane Cody, Director of Special Services *DC*

Subject: Regional Education Program for the Deaf (REPD)

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The Regional Education Program for the Deaf (REPD) Shared Services Arrangement (SSA) consists of all member districts in Region XVI and provides services to deaf or hard of hearing students 0-22 years of age. The REPD provides the eligible student a teacher of the deaf or interpreter. The student can also attend the Regional Education Program for the Deaf in Amarillo, TX. If a student attends the REPD, the home district is responsible for transportation to and from the school in Amarillo.

All member districts share in a per pupil share of the excess cost of operation for one year. TEA sends a per pupil amount to help fund deaf education. The excess costs over and above what the state grant provides is billed to each district at a per pupil cost. If member districts do not have students participating, they are not billed. The district is billed after the end of the first semester and after the end of the second semester. A student who attends will also receive audiological services and any related services specified in the ARD.

Currently, we do not have any students who need the services of the REPD; however, it is important to keep our SSA membership active. The need for these services can change quickly and without membership we would have to find a way to provide these services within the District.