Deaf or Hard of Hearing

“Deaf or hard of hearing”, which may be referred to as a hearing impairment, means the following:

(1) A disability that, with or without amplification, adversely affects the student's:

(A) ability to use hearing for developing language and learning;
(B) educational performance; and
(C) developmental progress.

(2) The hearing loss may be:

(A) permanent or fluctuating;
(B) mild to profound; or
(C) unilateral or bilateral.

(3) Students who are deaf or hard of hearing may use:

(A) spoken language;
(B) sign language; or
(C) a combination of spoken language and signed systems.