

Chapter 5 Programs and Services

5.1 B Eligibility for Service - Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Policy Statement

Students, ages 0 – 21, eligible for services shall be diagnosed by an audiologist within the last 12 months as having a slight hearing loss or greater in the better ear which is not reversible in a reasonable period of time and for which amplification is prescribed or having single-sided deafness.

Definitions

Single-Sided Deafness – Significant or total hearing loss in one ear.

Slight Hearing Loss - A pure tone average of 16 dB or greater of three frequencies from 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 and 4000 hertz (Hz).

Policy Objectives

- (i) To ensure students are placed on the APSEA registry in a manner that is clear and consistently applied.
- (ii) To ensure students who are eligible for APSEA services receive appropriate supports.

Application

This policy applies to all students under the jurisdiction of the Departments of Education of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (Anglophone).

Policy Directive

Directors are responsible to ensure that only eligible students are on the APSEA registry.

Accountability, Monitoring and Review

- The Superintendent of APSEA is accountable to the APSEA Board of Directors for compliance with this policy.
- The Superintendent of APSEA or his/her designate will review this policy annually.

Approval Dates

This policy replaces Policy 301 Eligibility for Service from APSEA Centre (Pupils who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing).

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Communication/Enquiries

For information about this policy, please contact the Superintendent (902/424-8500, apsea@apsea.ca).