



What Special Education Programs Are Available?

Hearing Impaired Support

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program through Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 provides various services to students in need of this type of support. The Hearing Impaired Support staff includes teachers, sign language interpreters, and supervisors who work in a spirit of cooperation with families, school district and agencies, as well as with other IU personnel to provide quality services to deaf and hard of hearing children and their families. Each student identified as deaf or hard of hearing is provided with a specially designed program to meet his or her needs in the least restrictive environment. The goal of the Hearing Impaired Support staff is to provide the services necessary for students to develop the communication, social, and academic skills to succeed both in school and in the community at large. The Hearing Impaired Support staff provides the information and support needed by students and their families to make effective decisions regarding communication methods, educational placements, or career planning.