



RENFREW COUNTY  
DISTRICT SCHOOL  
BOARD

## Special Education Department

### INFORMATION BROCHURE

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# DEAF / HARD OF HEARING

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Renfrew County District School Board  
Special Education Department  
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***When used in this document, the word  
“parent” includes guardian.***

**The Renfrew County District School Board provides Special Education programs and services in accordance with the Education Act and Regulations.**

## **DEFINITION**

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A student identified as having a medically identified hearing loss will experience difficulty in language and speech development.

The Ministry of Education defines the exceptionality as:

### *Deaf And Hard-Of-Hearing*

*An impairment characterized by deficits in language and speech development because of a diminished or non-existent auditory response to sound.*

## **PROGRAMS**

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Programming for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing is available in elementary and secondary schools within our county.

The specialist teacher assigned to this program provides direct services to the pupil as well as assistance to the regular classroom teachers in modifying classroom

materials, content, instructional techniques, and evaluation support for these exceptional pupils. Consultation from staff at Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf is available upon request.

## **HOW A STUDENT IS PLACED IN THE PROGRAM**

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If your child has been identified as having a hearing loss please bring this information to the attention of the school principal when you register your child. The principal will refer your child for special education services and an Identification, Placement and Review Committee meeting will be held. This committee is responsible for identifying the needs of special students and for recommending a special placement or services to meet your child's needs.

For more information regarding the identification, placement and review process and the rights of parents, please ask your school principal for a copy of the parent guide "Parents As Partners."

## **RESOURCES**

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- Contact your family physician if you think your child is having hearing problems.
  
- Contact Sir James Whitney School in Belleville for services if your child is not of school age.  
Sir James Whitney School  
350 Dundas Street  
Belleville, ON K8P 1B2  
(613) 967-2823