

## PARC: Placement And Readiness Checklists for Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

PARC is a set of placement and readiness checklists designed to assist IEP teams, including students, teachers, specialists, parents and school administrators, when making decisions about programming and placement for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing (DHH). Most DHH students are considered for placement in the general education classroom for at least part of their school day. Ultimately, inclusion in the general education classroom for these students should mean that when provided access to the necessary accommodations, modifications, and supports, they have the ability to actively and meaningfully participate in the communication, instruction, and social activities of their class using their identified communication mode(s). There are two components that should be considered when evaluating placement and service delivery; first, the *skills of the student* and, second, the *learning environment*. Specifically, students should be matched for the learning environment by 1) demonstrating a set of prerequisite skills that are based on their identified individual goals and 2) documenting that the instructional environment is designed to support the student to achieve those goals.

These checklists may be used as tools to assist the IEP team in examining the many factors that influence how well a student is able to function and perform in various classroom settings. Thorough assessment in academic, communication and social areas to identify strengths and challenge areas as well as frequent monitoring of performance is always necessary to ensure that student skills, services and placement are aligned. In some cases, students may be "ready" for some classes or situations while not "ready" for others.

Part 1, the *Readiness Checklists*, focus on essential skills that students require in order to actively and meaningfully participate in their education programs with the intended communication approach. There are three checklists: *General Education Inclusion Readiness*, *Interpreted/Transliterated Education Readiness*, and *Oral + Manual Instruction Access*. These checklists can be used in combination or independently, depending on the student and the purpose of the review. Ideally, two of three Readiness checklists should be used in conjunction with one another. The *General Education Inclusion Readiness Checklist* may be used to evaluate overall readiness for inclusion in the general education classroom and is appropriate for most students. The *Interpreted/Transliterated Education Readiness Checklist* identifies skills that students need in order to fully benefit from this service in the general education classroom. The *Oral + Manual Instruction Access Checklist* contains indicators that describe how a student accesses instruction and how proficient the student is with that approach. This checklist may help determine what communication approach and supports a student may need for their instructional environment whether it is in the general education classroom, a resource room, or a special classroom. These checklists are intended to emphasize skills that may be needed for DHH students to have successful learning experiences. The *Readiness Checklists* can also be used to identify IEP goals that will assist a student with acquisition of the necessary skills as well as a tool to monitor the acquisition of the desired skills.

Part 2, the *Placement Checklist*, assists the IEP team in evaluating the accessibility and appropriateness of the general education setting to support students who are DHH. The appropriate age level checklist is selected (2A-Preschool/Kindergarten, 2B-Elementary, or 2C-Secondary) and then completed through observation, interview and discussion among team members. The Checklist considers the physical environment, the general learning environment, the instructional style of the teacher, the school culture, and how well the learning environment is matched to the student's communication, language, and social needs. The *Placement Checklist* is intended to be used as often as the classroom environment changes or other needs suggest monitoring.

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## PARC: General Education Inclusion Readiness Checklist<sup>1</sup>

Each year during the Individual Education Program (IEP) process, discussion of whether a student is benefitting from, or ready to benefit from, placement in the general education classroom should be based on analysis of several skills as well as the student's academic performance. The items in this scale include ones suggested by Nevins and Chute in the Mainstream Checklist they designed for children with hearing impairments. The scale represents some of the basic critical skills and behaviors that are thought to contribute to successful participation and inclusion.

Directions: Rate each item using the rubric scale of 1 to 5 that best describes the student's performance.

Interpretation: Students with higher ratings (mostly 4s and 5s) will likely be able to participate more successfully in the general education classroom. Ratings in the 2-3 range indicate that the skill is emerging but still requires significant support to benefit from the general education setting. Students with lower ratings (mostly 1 and 2) will likely require specialized instruction from a teacher of the deaf with focus on language, communication, concept, and academic skill development. Participation should be determined on a class by class basis.

| <b>General Education Inclusion Readiness Checklist</b>                        |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| Name: _____   |   |   | Date: _____   |  |
| Completed by: _____   |   |   |   |  |
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5  |
| <b>1. Knowledge of classroom routines and ability to handle transitions:</b>  |   |   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appears unaware of routine/does not make transitions | <input type="checkbox"/> Makes transitions with adult assistance                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Makes transitions by observing others  | <input type="checkbox"/> Makes transitions with verbal/sign prompting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Aware of routines/makes transitions independently         |
| <b>2. Following Directions:</b>   |   |   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not follow directions                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Follows directions with adult assistance                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Follows directions by observing others   | <input type="checkbox"/> Follows directions verbal/sign prompt            | <input type="checkbox"/> Follows directions independently                          |
| <b>3. Attention to classroom instruction (as compared to classmates):</b>     |   |   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is disengaged                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Attends less than 25% of the time                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Attends 50% of the time  | <input type="checkbox"/> Attends 75% of the time                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Attends 100% of the time                                  |
| <b>4. Comprehension of classroom instruction:</b>                             |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Example:</b>   |   |   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not comprehend                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Appears to understand information that is familiar/highly structured | <input type="checkbox"/> Appears to understand information that is familiar/highly structured and some information that is new or less structured | <input type="checkbox"/> Appears to understand most information presented | <input type="checkbox"/> Appears to have complete understanding of all information |

<sup>1</sup> Adapted with permission from M.E. Nevins and P. Chute (1996). Mainstream Checklist: Checklist for observing classroom participation of hearing impaired student. In *Children with Cochlear Implants in Educational Settings*, (Appendix J). Singular Publishing Group, Inc.

| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| <b>5. Typical behavior when content is not understood:</b>  |   |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drops out/engages in irrelevant activity   | <input type="checkbox"/> Facial cues indicate lack of understanding   | <input type="checkbox"/> Looks to another student for assistance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Asks for assistance from teacher  | <input type="checkbox"/> Indicates specific content not understood   |
| <b>6. Typical response behavior:</b>  |   |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is disengaged  | <input type="checkbox"/> Does not respond when called on  | <input type="checkbox"/> Answers when called on but response is not related to topic  | <input type="checkbox"/> Answers when called on with response on topic   | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers response/comment and is on topic   |
| <b>7. Student's response and comments in lecture/teacher directed activities:</b><br>Example:   |   |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None made  | <input type="checkbox"/> Not related to the topic   | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect but related to the topic   | <input type="checkbox"/> Correct and related to the topic  | <input type="checkbox"/> Enriching to the discussion   |
| <b>8. Student's participation in group discussion and cooperative learning:</b><br>Describe context:  |   |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is disengaged.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Attentive initially; gives up  | <input type="checkbox"/> Attentive; participation not productive  | <input type="checkbox"/> Attentive; comments appropriately some of the time  | <input type="checkbox"/> Participates constructively   |
| <b>9. Attends and processes chain of communication:</b>   |   |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not acknowledge speaker   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aware of multiple speakers in chain of communication   | <input type="checkbox"/> Follows chain of communication understanding 50% of information or less  | <input type="checkbox"/> Follows chain of communication understanding 75% of information or more   | <input type="checkbox"/> Follows chain of communication understanding 90% of information or more   |
| <b>10. Independently initiates communication interaction within the classroom or self-initiates a comment:</b>                                |   |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not initiate  | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiates inappropriately  | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiates appropriately 50-70% of the time   | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiates appropriately 70-90% of the time  | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiates appropriately 90% of the time or more   |
| <b>11. Academic Performance (reading, writing, math):</b>   |   |   |  |  |
| More than 3 years below grade level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> reading<br><input type="checkbox"/> writing<br><input type="checkbox"/> math | 3 years below grade level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> reading<br><input type="checkbox"/> writing<br><input type="checkbox"/> math                           | 2 years below grade level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> reading<br><input type="checkbox"/> writing<br><input type="checkbox"/> math                           | Within 1 year of grade level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> reading<br><input type="checkbox"/> writing<br><input type="checkbox"/> math   | At or above grade level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> reading<br><input type="checkbox"/> writing<br><input type="checkbox"/> math  |
| <b>12. Language Skills:</b>   |   |   |  |  |
| more than 3 years below age level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> receptive<br><input type="checkbox"/> expressive                               | 3 years below age level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> receptive<br><input type="checkbox"/> expressive   | 2 years below age level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> receptive<br><input type="checkbox"/> expressive   | Within 1 year of age level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> receptive<br><input type="checkbox"/> expressive   | At or above age level:<br><input type="checkbox"/> receptive<br><input type="checkbox"/> expressive  |
| <b>13. Self-Advocacy Skills:</b>  |   |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> does not know <i>when</i> information is misunderstood, does not know <i>how</i> to ask for assistance               | <input type="checkbox"/> does not usually know <i>when</i> information is misunderstood; knows <i>how</i> to ask for assistance but manner is not appropriate | <input type="checkbox"/> does not usually know <i>when</i> information is misunderstood, but knows <i>how</i> to ask for assistance appropriately when needed | <input type="checkbox"/> most of the time recognizes <i>when</i> information is misunderstood, <i>how</i> to ask for assistance, and <i>when</i> it is appropriate to ask for repetition | <input type="checkbox"/> consistently recognizes <i>when</i> information is misunderstood, <i>how</i> to ask for assistance, and <i>when</i> it is appropriate to ask for repetition |

## **PARC: Interpreted/Transliterated Education Readiness Checklist<sup>1</sup>**

For students who utilize educational interpreting/transliterating services (oral, sign language, cued speech), access to instruction in the general education classroom is dependent on the ability of the interpreter/transliterater and classroom teacher to work together to support the student, the accuracy with which the information is interpreted/transliterated, and the skills of the student to utilize the interpreter/transliterater. This checklist contains skills that have been found to be important for a student to be a successful consumer of educational interpreting/transliterating services.

Each year during the Individual Education Program (IEP), discussion of a student's ability to fully benefit from placement in the general education classroom should be based on analysis of several skills as well as the student's academic performance.

Directions: Rate each of the following skills according to the scale of *always* (>90%), *frequently* (70-90%), *sometimes* (40-69%), *rarely* (10-39%) or *never* (<10%).

Interpretation: Students with mostly ratings of "always" and "frequently" are most likely to benefit from an interpreted/transliterated education program. Areas with ratings of "sometimes" indicate the skill is emerging but still may need significant support. Students with many ratings of "rarely" or "never" will require a program that utilizes more direct instruction from a teacher for students who are Deaf/HH. This checklist can also be used to identify student goals to develop interpreter/transliterater readiness skills as well as to monitor developing student competence with the skills.

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted with permission. Schick, B., (2004). Interpreter Use Inventory. In *Colorado Department of Education Educational Interpreter Handbook*, 2nd Edition.

## Interpreted/Transliterated Education Readiness Checklist

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

|   | NEVER<br><10%            | RARELY<br>10-39%         | SOME<br>40-69%           | FREQ<br>70-90%           | ALWAYS<br>>90%           |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <p>1. Does the student demonstrate the ability to:</p> <p>a. learn abstract and/or decontextualized material with minimal expansion?</p> <p>b. learn new vocabulary from typical classroom exposure?</p> <p>c. comprehend class content and instructions?</p> <p>d. understand what to do without the interpreter/transliterator directing?</p> <p>e. make age-appropriate progress without excessive assistance?</p> <p>f. complete class material and tests without interpreter assistance?</p> <p>g. store, retrieve, and organize information received through an interpreter/transliterator?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>2. Does the student demonstrate understanding of the role of the interpreter/transliterator by:</p> <p>a. having appropriate expectations (based on the student's age) for the interpreter/transliterator?</p> <p>b. maintaining appropriate boundaries with the interpreter/transliterator?</p> <p>c. allowing the interpreter/transliterator to mostly interpret/transliterate?</p>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>3. Does the student demonstrate how to use the interpreter/transliterator by:</p> <p>a. recruiting interpreting assistance when needed?</p> <p>b. understanding when an interpreter is needed?</p> <p>c. advocating for communication needs?</p> <p>d. speaking up about missing information?</p> <p>e. requesting clarification from the interpreter?</p> <p>f. participating in class discussion?</p> <p>g. participating in small group discussion?</p>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>4. Does the student demonstrate appropriate social development by:</p> <p>a. interacting with peers about class materials?</p> <p>b. interacting with peers about social issues?</p> <p>c. appreciating a variety of traits and personalities?</p> <p>d. experiencing authentic peer relationships?</p> <p>e. arguing, playing, preferring, negotiating, or persuading peers?</p> <p>f. participating appropriately in class?</p>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>5. Attentional Factors - Does the student...</p> <p>a. attend to the interpreter/transliterator and the teacher?</p> <p>b. manage the multiple visual and/or auditory demands of complex visual and auditory environments?</p>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## PARC: Oral + Manual Instruction Access Checklist<sup>1</sup>

The *Oral + Manual Instruction Access Checklist* contains indicators that are thought to represent skills necessary for students to access and fully participate in their learning environment. The checklist is designed to identify how a student accesses instruction and how proficient the student is from an oral or oral + manual communication perspective. The *General Skills* section considers competencies that lead to learner independence and may assist with Individual Education Program (IEP) team decisions regarding the level of instructional support needed. Responses to the remaining questions should be based on the specific learning environment being considered for the student. Examples of typical learning environments are: a special class with direct instruction from a teacher of the deaf or other special educator, a general education classroom with most instruction delivered by the classroom teacher, or a setting where class size is smaller and instruction, though provided by the classroom teacher, is more individualized for each student.

The growing number of students who have gained effective use of their auditory-oral skills due to cochlear implantation, along with many of those who use hearing aids, has increased the emphasis on placements in oral learning environments. This checklist is aimed at helping the IEP team to determine readiness for an oral instruction approach as well as to monitor progress in those skill areas through transition processes.

Due to changing student, instruction, and environmental conditions, consideration of whether a student is ready to benefit from placement and services in the general education classroom, or other setting, as well as the communication competencies of the student that are necessary to sustain meaningful participation in the desired learning environment, should be reconsidered each year through the IEP review process.

Directions: Using the column that represents the communication mode used by the student, rate each of the following skills according to the scale of *always* (>90%), *frequently* (70-90%), *sometimes* (40-69%), *rarely* (10-39%) or *never* (<10%). Some students may only use one mode and other students may use a combination. Then rate how proficiently the student is functioning with that approach using a scale of 1 to 6 (1= not at all proficient; 6= completely proficient).

Interpretation: Compare the proficiency level of the student to the approach used to determine if that approach is appropriate or if adjustments may be needed to increase student access to instruction. Students with mostly ratings of "always" or "frequently" are most likely to be successful in the identified communication mode if their proficiency level is high. Areas with ratings of "sometimes" indicate the skill is emerging but still may need significant support. Students with several ratings of "rarely" or "never" in the oral column will likely require a program that utilizes more sign-supported or cue-supported speech other direct instruction support for clarification of information. Students with several ratings of "rarely" or "never" in the sign/cue column may require additional direct instruction support for clarification of information. Students with general skills at these rating levels ("rarely" or "never") likely have insufficient skills to be able to function in general education classes without significant support. This checklist can also be used to identify student goals to develop specific skills in the desired approach as well as to monitor developing competence with these skills.

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted with permission. *Competencies for Transition from Manual to Oral Instruction, the Child with a Cochlear Implant*. Boston Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, Children's Hospital of Boston, 2003.

### Oral + Manual Instruction Access Checklist

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

|  | ORAL   |                 |               |               |                | WITH SIGN/CUE |                 |               |               |                | HOW PROFICIENT? |   |   |            |   |   |
|--|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---|---|------------|---|---|
|  | Never<br><10%  | Rarely<br>10-39 | Some<br>40-69 | Freq<br>70-90 | Always<br>>90% | Never<br><10% | Rarely<br>10-39 | Some<br>40-69 | Freq<br>70-90 | Always<br>>90% | Not at all      |   |   | Completely |   |   |
|  |  |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| <b>1. General Skills</b>                       |  |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| Does the student demonstrate the ability to... |  |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| a.   | learn abstract and/or decontextualized material with minimal expansion?          |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| b.   | store, retrieve, and organize information received?                              |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| c.   | learn new vocabulary from typical classroom exposure?                            |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| d.   | understand what to do without on-on-one direction?                               |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| e.   | make age-appropriate progress without excessive assistance?                      |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| f.   | complete class material and tests independently?                                 |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| g.   | self-advocate for communication and learning needs?                              |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
|  |  |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| <b>2. Receptive Language</b>                   |  |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| Does the student...                            |  |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| a.   | understand connected discourse used by adults in the proposed education setting? |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| b.   | comprehend and follow  |                 |               |               |                |               |                 |               |               |                |                 |   |   |            |   |   |

|   | ORAL                     |                          |                          |                          |                          | WITH SIGN/CUE            |                          |                          |                          |                          | HOW PROFICIENT? |   |   |            |   |   |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|---|------------|---|---|
|   | Never                    | Rarely                   | Some                     | Freq                     | Always                   | Never                    | Rarely                   | Some                     | Freq                     | Always                   | Not at all      |   |   | Completely |   |   |
|   | <10%                     | 10-39                    | 40-69                    | 70-90                    | >90%                     | <10%                     | 10-39                    | 40-69                    | 70-90                    | >90%                     | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| directions related to the curriculum?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| c. understand the language of instructional activities and posses a language base strong enough to learn topics in depth? | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| d. attend to group conversations?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| e. demonstrate incidental learning?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| f. exhibit relative speed in processing of new information comparable to classroom peers?                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| g. demonstrate the above receptive skills for language in the following settings:   |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| ▪ one-on-one?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| ▪ small group?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| ▪ large group?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| <b>3. Expressive Language</b><br>Does the student...  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| a. express him/herself in a manner that is easily understood by   |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| ▪ familiar adults?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| ▪ less familiar adults?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| ▪ peers in academic and social conversations?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| b. use no more that 2 to 3 repairs/rephrases per conversation with an adult?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| c. carry on a conversation with one peer  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |

|  | ORAL                     |                          |                          |                          |                          | WITH SIGN/CUE            |                          |                          |                          |                          | HOW PROFICIENT? |   |   |            |   |   |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|---|------------|---|---|
|  | Never                    | Rarely                   | Some                     | Freq                     | Always                   | Never                    | Rarely                   | Some                     | Freq                     | Always                   | Not at all      |   |   | Completely |   |   |
|  | <10%                     | 10-39                    | 40-69                    | 70-90                    | >90%                     | <10%                     | 10-39                    | 40-69                    | 70-90                    | >90%                     | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ independently?</li> <li>■ with assistance?</li> </ul>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| d. participate in group conversation (NOTE: group number should be comparable to the typical size in the proposed educational setting) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ independently?</li> <li>■ with facilitation by an adult?</li> </ul>                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| e. express ideas and convey a meaningful message using connected language?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| f. adjust expressive style (pragmatics) to match environmental conditions?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| 4. Written Language Skills (reading and writing)<br>Does the student...  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                 |   |   |            |   |   |
| a. demonstrate reading skills comparable to potential classmates/peers?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |
| b. demonstrate written skills comparable to potential classmates/peers?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1               | 2 | 3 | 4          | 5 | 6 |

## PARC: Placement And Readiness Checklists

### Part 2A: Placement Checklist for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Before the Individual Education Program (IEP) team makes a decision regarding services and placement for a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, two areas should be considered. First, is the child ready for the placement under consideration and, second, is the classroom environment under consideration sufficiently prepared to support the child? This checklist is the *Placement* component of this two part instrument. Its purpose is to guide considerations and decisions related to placement and service options for children who are deaf or hard of hearing for preschool and kindergarten. Ratings may also guide the IEP team in providing for supports when needed. The companion set of checklists consider the readiness of the child for the various learning environments and situations under consideration.

The information to complete this placement checklist should be obtained through observation and discussion with the current early intervention provider, the prospective teacher(s), the parents and other members of the IEP team. Placement decisions should consider the child's communication, language, pre-academic, and social needs in the context of the proposed learning environment. Note: Each area or item may not be applicable to every child.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Level:  PS  K

Type of Classroom:     Special education class             General education class             At-risk class  
                                   Deaf education class                     Co-taught class                     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Instructor:     Deaf education teacher             Preschool or Kindergarten teacher  
                                   Special education teacher             Other \_\_\_\_\_

If not a deaf education teacher/specialist, describe previous experience with children who are deaf or hard of hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

IEP Deaf education services:     Consultation     Direct- in classroom     Direct- out of classroom     other\_\_

Days/week program offered: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per day: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's communication mode(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Mode(s) observed in classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of children in classroom: \_\_\_\_ Number of children with hearing loss: \_\_\_\_ Child: adult ratio: \_\_\_\_

Age span of children: \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ yrs            Number of children who are typical language models: \_\_\_\_

Amplification used or available:  Personal FM     Classroom FM/Infrared     Other \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>Area</u>   | <u>Available?</u>   | <u>Has had training with D/HH?</u>                       | <u>If available, is service...</u>                                       |
|---|---|--|--|
| Speech-language therapy                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | In class: <input type="checkbox"/> Out of class <input type="checkbox"/> |
| English Language Learner (ELL)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | In class: <input type="checkbox"/> Out of class <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Educational audiology                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Occupational therapy/physical therapy                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Psychology/mental health                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Counseling (by psychologist or social worker)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Behavior/Positive Behavior Intervention/Support Plan    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Other support services available:                       |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent counseling and training | <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/Hard of Hearing Role Models |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Support Groups/Activities |  |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> After school programs            |  |  |

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If an item is not relevant for a child, please write "NA" in the "NO" column.

| I. Classroom- Physical Environment  | YES   | NO    |
|---|-------|-------|
| 1. Is the room size conducive to learning? (A large room/high ceiling can distort sound; a small room may be noisier.)                                    | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Is the room adequately lit? (Lighting and shadows may affect speechreading and signing abilities.)   | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Is the ambient noise level for the classroom within recommended standards (noise $\leq 35$ dbA and reverberation $\leq .6$ msec, ANSI S12.60-2009/10)? | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Is the room treated to reduce noise (carpet on floor, acoustical ceiling tiles, window coverings, cork or other wall coverings)?                       | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Are noise sources in the classroom minimized (e.g., fish tanks, ventilation/heater fans, computers)?   | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Does noise from adjacent spaces (hallways, outside the building) spill over into classroom?  | _____ | _____ |
| Comments _____  |       |       |
| _____   |       |       |

| II. General Learning Environment  | YES   | NO    |
|---|-------|-------|
| 7. Does teacher(s)/adult(s) use a variety of techniques to elicit positive behavior from children?                    | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Are there a variety of centers (fine motor, art, manipulatives, science, music, dramatic play, sensory, literacy)? | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Is there a visual schedule identifying daily routines and child expectations?                                      | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Is there a visual behavior management system that provides clear structure for the class and consistent rules?    | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Is the curriculum standards-based, including a variety of themes, topics, and children's literature?              | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Does the teacher use lesson plans to guide daily activities?  | _____ | _____ |
| 13. Are activities modified to meet a variety of children's needs?  | _____ | _____ |
| 14. Are special services children receive   |       |       |
| a. usually in the general education classroom?  | _____ | _____ |
| b. Supportive of the general education content?   | _____ | _____ |
| Comments _____  |       |       |
| _____   |       |       |

| III. Instructional Style   | YES   | NO    |
|--|-------|-------|
| 14. Classroom Discourse and Language   |       |       |
| a. Are the teacher(s) and other adults good language models for the children?  | _____ | _____ |
| b. Is language consistently accessible to the child?<br>(If sign/cuing is used, do all adults in the classroom consistently sign/cue, including their communications with other adults?) | _____ | _____ |
| c. Are peer responses repeated?  | _____ | _____ |
| d. Is vocabulary and language expanded by an adult?  | _____ | _____ |
| 15. Teacher's Speaking Skills  |       |       |
| a. Is enunciation clear?   | _____ | _____ |
| b. Is rate appropriate?  | _____ | _____ |

- c. Is loudness appropriate? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Is facial expression used to clarify the message? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Are gestures used appropriately? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Are teacher's (or other speaker's) lips available for speechreading? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Is teacher's style animated? \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Is a buddy system available to provide additional assistance or clarification? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Use of Visual Information
- a. Are props or other visual materials used for stories and activities? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Are appropriate attention-getting strategies utilized? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Are fingerplays, action songs, and dramatic play used in circle time, story time, centers, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Small Group/Circle Time
- a. Are all children encouraged to share and participate? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Does the teacher face children when speaking? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Do the children face one another when speaking? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Does the teacher lead group activities in an organized, but child-friendly manner? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Is appropriate wait time utilized to encourage children to think and participate? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Are children seated within the teacher's "arc of arms"? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Does teacher obtain eye contact prior to and while speaking? \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Is the FM microphone passed around to all speakers? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Use of Sign (note: Direct instruction is preferable to use of an interpreter/transliterator for preschool children. The IEP team may find the *Interpreted/Transliterated Education Readiness Checklist* a useful tool for assessing readiness levels of young children and suggesting supports that may be needed).  Not Applicable
- a. Is sign consistently used by all adults in the class? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is sign consistently used by all children in the class? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Does the type of sign used in the classroom match the signs used by this child? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Is fingerspelling used? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Does the interpreter/transliterator adjust the language in order to make it more accessible to the child? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Does the interpreter/transliterator make changes to content vocabulary for the child? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Does the interpreter/transliterator expand on concepts presented in class? \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Are gestures used appropriately? \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Are there opportunities for parents and peers to learn to sign? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Opportunities for Hands-on Experience
- a. Are a variety of materials available? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check those used:  books  visual props  audio tapes  video tapes  
 objects for dramatic play  manipulatives
- b. Are stories experienced in a variety of ways? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Are there field trips? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Are cooking experiences available? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Are art and sensory activities conducted? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Amplification/Equipment  Not Applicable
- a. Are personal amplification (hearing aids/cochlear implant) and assistive

- devices (FM, infrared) checked at school each day? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is amplification used consistently in all learning environments? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. School Culture

YES NO

- |     |  |       |       |
|-----|--|-------|-------|
| 21. | Is there evidence that the school administration supports children with disabilities?          | _____ | _____ |
| 22. | Is the school/district administrator knowledgeable about hearing loss?                         | _____ | _____ |
| 23. | Is the school committed to making the necessary accommodations for children with hearing loss? | _____ | _____ |
| 24. | Is the teacher open to consultation with other professionals or specialists?                   | _____ | _____ |
| 25. | Does the teacher provide opportunities for individualized attention?                           | _____ | _____ |
| 26. | Is the teacher welcoming of children with special needs?                                       | _____ | _____ |
| 27. | Is the teacher willing to use amplification technology (hearing aids, FMs, cochlear implants)? | _____ | _____ |

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### Reflection

#### V. Individual Child Considerations

YES NO

- |     |   |       |       |
|-----|---|-------|-------|
| 28. | Communication and Language<br>Think about how the child communicates thoughts, ideas, and needs. Think about how the child interacts with other children. Are there sufficient opportunities for direct communication with peers and professionals in the child's language and communication mode and at the child's academic level? Is there direct instruction in the child's language and communication mode? Will the child's communication needs be nurtured in this classroom environment? Does the child have sufficient language abilities to benefit from instruction in the classroom? Will this child develop English language competency in this environment? | _____ | _____ |
| 29. | Social Interactions<br>Think about how the child plays alone and in groups. Think about how the child interacts with other children. Will the child's social needs be nurtured in this classroom environment? Will this child be encouraged to develop self-advocacy skills?  | _____ | _____ |
| 30. | Listening Skills<br>Does the child attend well? Is the child able to listen in noise? Think about what the child does when he/she cannot hear? Does the child take responsibility for his/her hearing aids? Will the child's auditory needs be supported in this classroom environment? In the lunchroom and other school environments? Is the staff qualified and able to support the child's listening needs?   | _____ | _____ |

Not Applicable

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## PARC: Placement And Readiness Checklists

### Part 2B: Placement Checklist for Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: ELEMENTARY

Before the Individual Education Program (IEP) team makes a decision regarding services and placement for a student who is deaf or hard of hearing, two areas should be considered. First, is the student ready for the placement under consideration and, second, is the classroom environment under consideration sufficiently prepared to support the student? This checklist is the *Placement* component of this two part instrument. Its purpose is to guide considerations and decisions related to placement and service options for students who are deaf or hard of hearing for preschool and kindergarten. Ratings may also guide the IEP team in providing for supports when needed. The companion set of checklists consider the readiness of the student for the various learning environments and situations under consideration.

The information to complete this placement checklist should be obtained through observation and discussion with the current early intervention provider, the prospective teacher(s), the parents and other members of the IEP team. Placement decisions should consider the student's communication, language, pre-academic, and social needs in the context of the proposed learning environment. Note: Each area or item may not be applicable to every student.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Classroom:     Special education class             General education class             At-risk class  
                                   Deaf education class                     Co-taught class                     Other \_\_\_\_\_

If primary instructor is not a deaf education teacher/specialist, describe any previous experience with students who are deaf or hard of hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

IEP Deaf education services:     Consultation     Direct- in classroom     Direct- out of classroom  
     Special School     other \_\_\_\_\_

Observers:  Deaf education teacher:    check type:  classroom     itinerant     consultative     co-teacher  
     General education teacher     Special education teacher             Parent     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of students in classroom: \_\_\_\_    Number of students with hearing loss: \_\_\_\_    Student: adult ratio: \_\_\_\_

Student's communication mode(s): \_\_\_\_\_    Mode(s) observed in classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Receptive language level:  above grade level     at grade level     below grade level     >2 yrs below grade level

Expressive language level:  above grade level     at grade level     below grade level     >2 yrs below grade level

Hearing Assistance Technology used or available:  Personal FM     Classroom FM/Infrared     None     Other \_\_\_\_

Educational Interpreter assigned?  Yes     No                    Meets state's minimum standard?  Yes     No

Related and Support Services:

| <u>Area</u>   | <u>Available?</u>   | <u>Has had training with D/HH?</u>                       | <u>If available, is service..</u>  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Speech-language therapy                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | In class: <input type="checkbox"/> Out of class <input type="checkbox"/> |
| English Language Learner (ELL)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | In class: <input type="checkbox"/> Out of class <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Educational audiology                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Occupational therapy/physical therapy                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Psychology/mental health                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Counseling (by psychologist or social worker)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Behavior/Positive Behavior Intervention/Support Plan    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Other support services available:                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/Hard of Hearing Role Models |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent counseling and training | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Support Groups/Activities |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> After school programs            |  |  |

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If an item is not relevant for a child, please write "NA" in the "NO" column.

| I. Classroom- Physical Environment   | YES   | NO    |
|--|-------|-------|
| 1. Is the room size conducive to learning? (A large room/high ceiling can distort sound; a small room may be noisier.)                                   | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Is the room adequately lit? (Lighting and shadows may affect speechreading and signing abilities.)  | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Is the ambient noise level for the classroom within recommended standards (noise $\leq 35$ dbA and reverberation $\leq .6$ sec, ANSI S12.60-2009/10)? | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Is the room treated to reduce noise (carpet on floor, acoustical ceiling tiles, window coverings, cork or other wall coverings)?                      | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Are noise and movement sources in the classroom minimized (e.g., computers, ventilation/heater fans, fish tanks, small group activities)?             | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Does noise from adjacent spaces (hallways, outside the building) spill over into classroom?   | _____ | _____ |
| Comments _____   |       |       |

| II. General Learning Environment  | YES   | NO    |
|---|-------|-------|
| 7. Do teacher(s)/adult(s) use a variety of techniques to elicit positive behavior from students?  | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Are there a variety of centers (fine motor, art, manipulatives, science, music, dramatic play, sensory, literacy) or opportunities for demonstrating learning? | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Is there a visual schedule identifying daily routines and student expectations?  | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Is there a visual behavior management system that provides clear structure for the class and consistent rules?  | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Is the curriculum standards-based including a variety of themes, topics, and children's literature?   | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Does the teacher use lesson plans to guide daily activities?  | _____ | _____ |
| 13. Are activities modified to meet a variety of students' needs?   | _____ | _____ |
| Comments _____  |       |       |

| III. Instructional Style  | YES   | NO    |
|---|-------|-------|
| 14. Classroom Discourse and Language  |       |       |
| a. Are the teacher(s), students, and other adults good language models for the student?   | _____ | _____ |
| b. Is language consistently accessible to this student? If sign/cueing is used, does the interpreter/transliterator, or all adults in the classroom if no interpreter, consistently sign/cue, including communications with other adults? | _____ | _____ |
| c. Are peer responses repeated or signed/cued?  | _____ | _____ |
| d. Is vocabulary and language expanded by the teacher?  | _____ | _____ |
| 15. Teacher's Speaking Skills   |       |       |
| a. Is enunciation clear?  | _____ | _____ |
| b. Is rate appropriate?   | _____ | _____ |
| c. Is loudness appropriate?   | _____ | _____ |
| d. Is facial expression used to clarify the message?  | _____ | _____ |
| e. Are gestures used appropriately?   | _____ | _____ |
| f. Are teacher's (or other speaker's) lips available for speechreading?   | _____ | _____ |
| g. Is teacher's style animated?   | _____ | _____ |

- h. Is a buddy system available to provide additional assistance or clarification? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Use of Visual Information
- a. Are props or other visual materials used for stories and activities? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Are appropriate attention-getting strategies utilized? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Are overhead projectors, VCRs, LCDs and other equipment to provide visual supplements utilized? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Is computer assisted notetaking, or a comparable procedure, utilized to support access to course content, instruction, and discourse amongst the class? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Is visual information accessible to the student (e.g., within view, written in appropriate language)? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Oral Discussion/Small Group/Circle Time
- a. Are all students encouraged to share and participate? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Does the teacher face the students when speaking? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Do the students face one another when speaking? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Does the teacher lead group activities in an organized and child-friendly manner? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Is appropriate wait time utilized to encourage students to think and participate? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Are students seated within the teacher's "arc of arms"? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Does teacher obtain eye contact prior to and while speaking? \_\_\_\_\_
- h. If used, is the FM microphone passed around to all speakers? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Use of Sign/Cued Speech  Not Applicable
- a. If an educational interpreter/transliterator is assigned to the student, does the interpreter/transliterator promote student self-advocacy yet assure full access to all communication in the classroom? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is the interpreter/transliterator familiar with the student's IEP, and does s/he know his/her role in its implementation? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Does the interpreter/transliterator adjust the language in order to make it more accessible to the student? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Does the interpreter/transliterator make changes to content vocabulary for the student? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Does the interpreter/transliterator expand on concepts presented in class? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Is sign/cued speech consistently used by all adults in the class? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Are teachers and paras proficient in the sign/cued mode of the student? \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Is sign/cuing consistently used by all students in the class? \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Does the type of sign/cuing used in the classroom match the signs/cues used by this student? \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Is fingerspelling used? \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Are there opportunities for parents and peers to learn to sign/cued speech? \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Do they take advantage of them? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Opportunities for Hands-on Experience
- a. Are a variety of materials available?  
 Check those used:  books     visual props     audio tapes     video tapes  
 objects for dramatic play     manipulatives
- b. Are stories experienced in a variety of ways? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Are there field trips? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Are art and sensory activities conducted? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Amplification/Equipment  Not Applicable
- a. Are personal amplification (hearing aids/cochlear implant) and hearing assistance technology (FM, infrared) checked at school each day? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is amplification used consistently in all learning environments? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. School Culture** **YES** **NO**

21. Is there evidence that the school administration supports students with disabilities? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
22. Is the school/district administrator knowledgeable about hearing loss? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
23. Is the school committed to making the necessary accommodations for students with hearing loss? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
24. Is the teacher open to consultation with other professionals or specialists? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
25. Does the teacher provide opportunities for individualized attention? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
26. Is the teacher welcoming of students with special needs? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
27. Is the teacher willing to use amplification technology (hearing aids, FMs, cochlear implants)? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
28. Are the extra-curricular (sports, drama, clubs) staff and settings going to assure communication access for this student? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Reflection: Individual Student Considerations** **YES** **NO**

29. Communication and Language \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Think about how this student communicates thoughts, ideas, and needs. Think about how this student interacts with other students. Will his/her communication be nurtured in this classroom environment? Are there opportunities for direct communication with peers and professionals in the student's language and communication mode and at the student's academic level? Is there direct instruction in the student's language and communication mode? Does this student have sufficient language abilities to benefit from instruction in the classroom (generally within 2 years of most students in the class)? Will this student develop English language competency in this environment?
30. Social Interactions, Self-Concept, and Self-Advocacy \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Think about how this student plays alone and in groups. Think about how this student interacts with other students. Will this student's social skills and self-concept be nurtured in this classroom environment? Will this student be encouraged to develop self-advocacy skills?
31. Listening Skills \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does this student attend well? Is this student able to listen in noise? Think about what this student does when he/she cannot hear? Does this student take responsibility for his/her hearing aids? Will this student's auditory needs be supported in this classroom, lunchroom and all other school environments? Is the staff qualified and able to support the student's listening needs?  Not Applicable

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## PARC: Placement And Readiness Checklists

### Part 2C: Placement Checklist for Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: SECONDARY

Before the Individual Education Program (IEP) team makes a decision regarding services and placement for a student who is deaf or hard of hearing, two areas should be considered. First, is the student ready for the placement under consideration and, second, is the classroom environment under consideration sufficiently prepared to support the student? This checklist is the *Placement* component of this two part instrument. Its purpose is to guide considerations and decisions related to placement and service options for students who are deaf or hard of hearing for preschool and kindergarten. Ratings may also guide the IEP team in providing for supports when needed. The companion set of checklists consider the readiness of the student for the various learning environments and situations under consideration.

The information to complete this placement checklist should be obtained through observation and discussion with the current early intervention provider, the prospective teacher(s), the parents and other members of the IEP team. Placement decisions should consider the student's communication, language, pre-academic, and social needs in the context of the proposed learning environment. Note: Each area or item may not be applicable to every student.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Classroom:     Special education class             General education class             At-risk class  
                                   Deaf education class                     Co-taught class                     Other \_\_\_\_\_

If primary instructor is not a deaf education teacher/specialist, describe any previous experience with students who are deaf or hard of hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

IEP Deaf education services:     Consultation     Direct- in classroom     Direct- out of classroom  
     Special School                     other \_\_\_\_\_

Observers:     Deaf education teacher:    check type:     classroom     itinerant     consultative     co-teacher  
                                   General education teacher     Special education teacher             Parent     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students in classroom: \_\_\_\_    Number of students with hearing loss: \_\_\_\_    Student: adult ratio: \_\_\_\_

Student's communication mode(s): \_\_\_\_\_    Mode(s) observed in classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Receptive language level:     above grade level     at grade level     1-2 yrs below grade level     >2 yrs below grade level

Expressive language level:     above grade level     at grade level     1-2 yrs below grade level     >2 yrs below grade level

Hearing Assistance Device used or available:     Personal FM     Classroom FM/Infrared     None     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Interpreter assigned?     Yes     No                    Meets state's minimum standard?     Yes     No

| Related and Support Services:                           | <u>Area</u> | <u>Available?</u>   |                             | <u>Has had training with D/HH?</u> |                             | <u>If available, is service...</u>                                       |
|---|-------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Speech-language therapy                                 |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No | In class: <input type="checkbox"/> Out of class <input type="checkbox"/> |
| English Language Learner (ELL)                          |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No | In class: <input type="checkbox"/> Out of class <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Educational audiology                                   |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Occupational therapy/physical therapy                   |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Psychology/mental health                                |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Counseling (by psychologist or social worker)           |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Behavior/Positive Behavior Intervention/Support Plan    |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Other support services available:                       |             |   |                             |                                    |                             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent counseling and training |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/Hard of Hearing Role Models |                             |                                    |                             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Support Groups/Activities |                             |                                    |                             |  |
|   |             | <input type="checkbox"/> After school programs            |                             |                                    |                             |  |

NOTE: If an item is not relevant for a child, please write "NA" in the "NO" column.

| I. Classroom- Physical Environment   | YES   | NO    |
|--|-------|-------|
| 1. Is the room size conducive to learning? (A large room/high ceiling can distort sound; a small room may be noisier.)                                   | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Is the room adequately lit? (Lighting and shadows may affect speechreading and signing abilities.)  | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Is the ambient noise level for the classroom within recommended standards (noise $\leq 35$ dbA and reverberation $\leq .6$ sec, ANSI S12.60-2009/10)? | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Is the room treated to reduce noise (carpet on floor, acoustical ceiling tiles, window coverings, cork or other wall coverings)?                      | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Are noise and movement sources in the classroom minimized (e.g., computers, ventilation/heater fans, fish tanks, small group activities)?             | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Does noise from adjacent spaces (hallways, outside the building) spill over into classroom?   | _____ | _____ |
| Comments _____   |       |       |

| II. General Learning Environment   | YES   | NO    |
|--|-------|-------|
| 7. Do teacher(s)/adult(s) use a variety of techniques to elicit positive behavior from students?                   | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Is there a visual schedule identifying daily routines and student expectations?                                 | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Is there a visual behavior management system that provides clear structure for the class and consistent rules?  | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Is the curriculum standards-based including a variety of themes, topics, and age level appropriate literature? | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Does the teacher use lesson plans to guide daily activities?   | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Are activities modified to meet a variety of students' needs?  | _____ | _____ |
| Comments _____   |       |       |

| III. Instructional Style  | YES   | NO    |
|---|-------|-------|
| 13. Classroom Discourse and Language  |       |       |
| a. Are the teacher(s), students, and other adults good language models for the student?   | _____ | _____ |
| b. Is language consistently accessible to this student? If sign/cuing is used, does the interpreter/transliterator, or all adults in the classroom if no interpreter/transliterator, consistently sign/cue, including communications with other adults? | _____ | _____ |
| c. Are peer responses repeated or signed/cued?  | _____ | _____ |
| d. Is vocabulary and language expanded by the teacher?  | _____ | _____ |
| 14. Teacher's Speaking Skills   |       |       |
| a. Is enunciation clear?  | _____ | _____ |
| b. Is rate appropriate?   | _____ | _____ |
| c. Is loudness appropriate?   | _____ | _____ |
| d. Is facial expression used to clarify the message?  | _____ | _____ |
| e. Are gestures used appropriately?   | _____ | _____ |
| f. Are teacher's (or other speaker's) lips available for speechreading?   | _____ | _____ |
| g. Is teacher's style animated?   | _____ | _____ |
| h. Is a buddy system available to provide additional assistance or clarification?   | _____ | _____ |
| 15. Use of Visual Information   |       |       |
| a. Are props or other visual materials used for stories and activities?   | _____ | _____ |
| b. Are appropriate attention-getting strategies utilized?   | _____ | _____ |
| c. Are overhead projectors, VCRs, LCDs and other equipment to provide visual supplements utilized?  | _____ | _____ |

- d. Is computer assisted notetaking, or a comparable procedure, utilized to support access to course content, instruction, and discourse amongst the class? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Is visual information accessible to the student (e.g., within view)? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Oral Discussion/Small Group
- a. Are all students encouraged to share and participate? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Does the teacher face the students when speaking? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Do the students face one another when speaking? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Does the teacher lead group activities in an organized and child-friendly manner? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Is appropriate wait time utilized to encourage students to think and participate? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Are students seated within the teacher's "arc of arms"? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Does the teacher obtain eye contact prior to and while speaking? \_\_\_\_\_
- h. If used, is the FM microphone passed around to all speakers? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Use of Sign/Cued Speech  Not Applicable
- a. If an educational interpreter/transliterator is assigned to the student, does the interpreter/transliterator promote student self-advocacy yet assure full access to all communication in the classroom? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is the interpreter/transliterator familiar with the student's IEP, and does s/he know his/her role in its implementation? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Does the interpreter/transliterator adjust the language in order to make it more accessible to the student? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Does the interpreter/transliterator make changes to content vocabulary for the student? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Does the interpreter/transliterator expand on concepts presented in class? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Is sign/cued speech consistently used by all adults in the class? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Are teachers and paras proficient in the sign/cue mode of the student? \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Is sign/cuing consistently used by all students in the class? \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Does the type of sign/cue used in the classroom match the signs/cued speech used by this student? \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Is fingerspelling used? \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Are there opportunities for parents and peers to learn to sign/cued speech? \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Do they take advantage of them? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Opportunities for Hands-on Experience
- a. Are a variety of materials available? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check those used:  books  visual props  audio tapes  video tapes  
 objects for dramatic play  manipulatives
- b. Are stories experienced in a variety of ways? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Are there field trips? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Are art and sensory activities conducted? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Amplification/Equipment  Not Applicable
- a. Are personal amplification (hearing aids/cochlear implant) and hearing assistance devices (FM, infrared) checked at school each day? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is amplification used consistently in all learning environments? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Transition
- a. Is there an emphasis on career exploration and development of career goals? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Does the student's education program support his/her post-school goals? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Are there opportunities for job shadowing within the community? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. When appropriate, are linkages made with adult services (e.g., Voc Rehab)? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. School Culture

YES NO

21. Is there evidence that the school administration supports students with disabilities? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Is the school/district administrator knowledgeable about hearing loss? \_\_\_\_\_

- 23. Is the school committed to making the necessary accommodations for students with hearing loss? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. Is the teacher open to consultation with other professionals or specialists? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. Does the teacher provide opportunities for individualized attention? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. Is the teacher welcoming of students with special needs? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. Is the teacher willing to use amplification technology (hearing aids, FMs, cochlear implants)? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Are the extra-curricular (sports, drama, clubs) staff and settings going to assure communication access for this student? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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**V. Reflection: Individual Student Considerations** YES NO

- 29. Communication and Language \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Think about how this student communicates thoughts, ideas, and needs. Think about how this student interacts with other students. Will his/her communication be nurtured in this classroom environment? Are there opportunities for direct communication with peers and professionals in the student's language and communication mode and at the student's academic level? Is there direct instruction in the student's language and communication mode? Does this student have sufficient language abilities to benefit from instruction in the classroom (generally within 2 years of most students in the class)? Will this student develop English language competency in this environment?
- 30. Social Interactions, Self-Concept, and Self-Advocacy \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Think about how this student behaves alone and in groups. Think about how this student interacts with other students. Will this student's social skills and self-concept be nurtured in this classroom environment? Will this student be encouraged to develop self-advocacy skills?
- 31. Listening Skills \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does this student attend well? Is this student able to listen in noise? Think about what this student does when he/she cannot hear? Does this student take responsibility for his/her hearing aids? Will this student's auditory needs be supported in this classroom, lunchroom and all other school environments? Is the staff qualified and able to support the student's listening needs? ☐ Not Applicable

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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