

School Hearing Screening FAQs for Families



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My child did not pass their hearing screening at school—what do I do now?

It is very important that your child receives a full hearing test by an audiologist. The hearing test can determine if there is temporary or permanent hearing loss present, or if your child has typical hearing. The pediatric audiologist can also provide recommendations or treatment options. Pediatric audiologists in your area can be found by asking your physician or on the [Comprehensive and Limited Audiology Provider Facilities list](#) on the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) website. ***www.hearing.in.gov***

Why is it important that my child receive another hearing test?

Hearing screening is often the first step in identifying school-age children who many have hearing difficulties. If your child does not receive a diagnostic hearing test, it may delay the identification of hearing difficulties and the support and services they need to listen and learn.

Hearing difficulties (even if in the mild range, in one ear or temporary) can cause the following challenges at school or in conversations:

- ⇒ Delays in reading and spelling
- ⇒ Listening and understanding speech in noise
- ⇒ Reducing social interactions
- ⇒ Difficulty following directions and understanding classroom instructions

Who can I call to ask questions or find out more information?

Please contact the [Indiana EHDI program](#) of the [Center for Hard of Hearing Education](#) with any questions. We are here to help families and children should there be any questions, to provide resources about hearing screenings or if information is needed related to children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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