

Indiana School Hearing Screening FAQs

Q: My child did not pass their hearing screening at school? What do I do now?

A: 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 normal hearing. The pediatric audiologist can also provide recommendations or treatment options. A list of pediatric audiologists in your area can be found by asking your physician or visiting www.hearing.in.gov (please see "Comprehensive and limited audiology providers"). Please verify your cost and insurance coverage for the test prior to the appointment.

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

A. Hearing screening is often the first step in identifying school-age children who may 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 problems (even if it is mild, in one ear or temporary) can cause the following difficulties at school and in conversations:

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

Please bring the updated hearing test results to the school to ensure they are aware of your child's hearing levels and any help they may need at school.

Q: Who can I call to ask questions or find out more information.

A: Please contact either Sarah or Suzanne below with any questions. We are here to help families and children should there be any questions, to provide resources about hearing screening or if information is needed related to children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

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