



Washington

School for the Deaf

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Enrollment to WSD is a collaborative process between WSD and your home district.

1. All students applying to WSD must be registered as a student with their local school district and;
2. Students who are eligible for special education services due to hearing loss must be referred for potential placement at WSD via their local district's IEP team for a 45-school-day diagnostic placement except as noted below.

WSD admits students who have any degree of hearing loss verified on an audiogram by a qualified audiologist. Students do not need to be eligible for special education services to attend WSD.

The following steps need to be completed prior to a student's acceptance for the 45-school-day diagnostic (Dx) placement:
(Note: Steps 1, 2, and 3 can be completed in any order but we must have a completed application in order to move onto step 4.)

1. Parent/Guardian completes "Student Application" via the link on our website.
2. Parent/Guardian notifies their local school district IEP team (Special Education Office) that they wish to consider WSD as a placement for their student. Parent/Guardian requests the local school district IEP team to hold an IEP meeting to open a re-evaluation to determine placement at WSD. (Note: This is a required step in the Admissions process for students who are eligible for special education services. Students with hearing loss who are not eligible for special education services may skip this step.)
3. Parent/Guardian and student visit WSD campus.
4. Records that must be received by WSD include:
 - Initial eligibility for special education documentation
 - Current evaluation report
 - Current IEP
 - Progress reports (academic / behavior)
 - Transcripts for high school students (including state testing scores)
 - Immunization / medical records
 - Audiology report
 - Attendance records
 - Behavior reports including detentions, referrals, suspensions, and other documents related to behaviors such as Functional Behavior Assessments or Behavior Intervention Plans
5. Parent/Guardian interview is conducted: "Needs Assessment Inventory Interview (NAII)"
6. WSD receives formal request from student's local school district IEP team for consideration of a 45-school-day diagnostic placement.
7. Admissions team makes a decision about acceptance for the 45-school-day Dx placement based upon WSD Admissions policy.

Students moving into Washington: Students who have just moved to Washington must register with their local school district. The district is responsible for establishing the student's eligibility for special education and creating an Washington IEP. WSD cannot accept a new Washington student for diagnostic placement until this has been completed.

Ongoing Placement: Prior to the conclusion of the 45-school-day Dx placement, the admissions team will meet to determine if the student will be enrolled at WSD on an ongoing basis or will return to the local school district. If accepted at WSD, the school will determine if a new IEP is needed and, if so, will schedule the meeting.

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