

Online classes for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students:

Here are some things to be aware of when working with student who are deaf and hard of hearing especially online. As with all the students, I am concerned about the lack of personal one-on-one interaction the Hearing-Impaired students will not be getting.

- Make sure they are wearing their hearing aids. If they are using headphones be sure that they are able to hear the instruction. If not, let your child's Teacher know that they may need a F.M system to use with their Computer. It is very important for your child to continue their hearing aid use at all time!
- As periodic questions to be sure they are understanding what is going on. Don't ask;" Can you hear me?", or "Do you understand?" . Rather ask clarifying questions such as: "In review, tell me one important fact from the passage we just read." This will help the H.I. student to focus and become more engaged knowing they may be called on to answer a question.



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- Make things as visual as possible. Look for examples when possible, show pictures and maps anything to make it more concrete for them.
- Ask your child to turn on close captioning during google meet. I know it is not the best, but it does help.
- When showing a video (or assigning a video to watch) reduce the speed of the video to .75 in the settings in the lower right corner. Use your judgment on this but last quarter I have found most of the videos were far too fast for the H.I. students to keep up with.
- Make sure to check in with them one-on-one at least once a week.
- I know that band width can be an issue, but if possible, have the student keep their video with the camera pointed at them. I had some students last quarter that did not want to do this, but it is VERY important to make sure they are there and you have a visual on them.
- Consistent Communication with your child's teacher is very important! If you see them struggling with anything please let them know ASAP.

