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Mission Statement

South Dakota School for the Deaf was established in 1880 to serve children with hearing loss. Since that time, SDSD has worked to provide quality educational programs and support services for children with hearing loss and their families.

The school’s mission includes providing educational programs such as the Auditory Oral program in Brandon Valley Public Schools and the Bilingual program in the Harrisburg Public Schools, consultation to families and educational teams statewide, and comprehensive student evaluations including audiology and hearing screening.

SDSD serves as a resource for families and local schools by providing a specialist in hearing loss as a member of the educational team.

Outreach Program

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Pictured above: Brody Andrews, Outreach Client, participates in a reading activity with his mother, Krista, and his Outreach Consultant during a home-based visit.

Pictured above: David Dingman, Outreach Client, participates in a listening activity with his mother, Joanna Dingman, during a home-based visit with his Outreach Consultant.

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Types of Service

Early Intervention (Home-Based)
SDSD offers early intervention services for deaf and hard of hearing children and their families. Some of these services may include:

- Information on hearing loss, assistive technology, language development, and communication options
- Participation in the development of an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Demonstration of the use of hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM systems, or other forms of listening technology
- Information sharing with other service providers such as speech-language pathologists, audiologists, cochlear implant teams, and educational teams
- Social opportunities and networking with other families raising deaf or hard of hearing children

School-Based

School-based services are provided for children who are receiving educational services through any school program and are designed to support school professionals who work with deaf and hard of hearing students.

Services may include:

- Staff in-services to share information about hearing loss and its educational effects
- Technical assistance and orientation with hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM and soundfield systems, interpreters, and other technology
- Participation in the development of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan
- Classroom peer presentations about hearing loss
- Educational strategies and materials

Admissions

Parents/Guardians
1. Contact SDSD at 605.367.5200 to begin the process for admission to the Outreach Program. Be prepared to answer questions about your child, their hearing loss, family, and local educational agency.
2. Once basic contact information is received, educational and medical release forms will be sent for you to sign and return. This information is necessary so individualized services can be offered to your child and family.
3. Your child and family will be assigned an Outreach Consultant who will contact you to discuss your service needs.

Local Education Agencies
1. Talk to the child’s family regarding the SDSD Outreach Program and why you would like the family to begin services.
2. Contact SDSD at 605.367.5200 to begin the admissions process.
3. Provide educational records to SDSD when requested and include Outreach Consultants in IFSP, IEP, and 504 Plan meetings.
4. Your area’s assigned Outreach Consultant will contact you to discuss your agency’s service needs.

Additional Information
Contact SDSD at 605.367.5200 for information about services offered through South Dakota School for the Deaf.