

Indiana School Hearing Screening Overview



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School Hearing Screening Law (IC 20-34-3-14)

Hearing screenings are conducted annually for the following students:

- Students in grades: 1, 4, 7, 10
- Students transferred into the school corporation
- A student who is suspected of having hearing difficulties
- Records of all hearing screening results must be continuously maintained by the school corporation

Hearing Screening Procedures

- Screening both ears and complete screening in quiet environment
- Hearing screening is completed at 20dB. Do not increase intensity or perform threshold search
- Present tone at 1000Hz, 2000Hz, 4000Hz in the right ear then repeat for the left ear
- Obtain at least two positive responses at each frequency to ensure accuracy. Do not present more than four times at any frequency.
- If the student does not pass the screening in either ear, they should receive a rescreen within 60 days.
- If a student does not pass the rescreen, or a student who has failed an initial screen does not get a rescreen, parents should receive written recommendation for evaluation by physician or audiologists for further testing.



Why Screen?

- Hearing loss can happen at any age
- Half of deaf and hard of hearing children in Indiana are identified after three years of age
- 70% of general education classroom instruction is auditory based making access to auditory information critical for academic success.



**Early Hearing Detection
and Intervention Program
(EHDI)**

Resources

Indiana Hearing Screening Guidelines 2025 <https://www.in.gov/doe/files/Indiana-Hearing-Screening-Guidelines-7-23-25.pdf>

Hearing Screening Implementation Resources <https://learntoscreen.org/index.php/free-materials/>

School Hearing Screening FAQs for Families <https://www.in.gov/health/cdhhe/files/School-Hearing-Screening-FAQs-2025.pdf>

School Hearing Screening FAQs for Screeners <https://www.in.gov/health/cdhhe/files/School-Hearing-Screenings-FAQ-for-Sreeners.pdf>