

ACCOMMODATIONS

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR STUDENTS WITH USHER SYNDROME

Usher syndrome is one of the leading causes of deaf-blindness that affects hearing, vision and balance. Every person with Usher syndrome progresses at different rates.

The following is a list of accommodations to be considered, but not limited to.

In Person

- Accessible Handouts
 - High quality, clear visuals
 - Large font on regular paper
- Allow for verbal response
- Avoid glare from windows/screens
- Buddy system
- Carpet or leg noise reducers for chairs
- Closed Captioning Services (CART)
- Check for completed work
- Check for understanding
 - (especially for remote instruction)
- Clear masks for staff
- Contrast signs/announcements
- Drill Plan
- Environmental descriptions/maps
- Extra time
- Frequent breaks
- Good lighting
- On-site visit to new buildings and classrooms
- One way traffic if possible
 - (for social distancing requirements)
- Preferential seating
- Provide copy of notes/outline
- Provide study guide/vocabulary
- Reduce background noise
 - Fans, AC units, ect.
- Reduced assignments/homework
- Reflective tape for stairs/entrance ways
- Remove all environmental clutter
- Scribe when necessary
- Sound Field System
 - Pass microphone for peers
 - Personal FM System

Remote Instruction

- Accessible handouts
- Accessible technology
- American Sign Language Interpreter (ASL)-if appropriate
- Closed Captioning Services (CART)
 - Including videos and instructional tutorials
- Copies of all transcripts
- External Monitors
- Have participants announce themselves before speaking
- Links/Resources in chat pod
- Mute all microphones
- Raise hand feature
- Recording of lessons
- Restate questions from peers

Direct Service Providers

- Teacher of the Deaf
- Teacher of the Blind/Vision Impaired
- Teacher of the Deaf-Blind
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Orientation & Mobility Instructor

Additional Support Staff

- Paraprofessional
- Intervener

For helpful links and to learn more visit www.avasvoice.org



The mission of Ava's Voice is to empower youth with Usher syndrome and to educate families and school communities. This resource can be used as a quick reference to identify the needs of a child receiving special education services.

