

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 5, 2004

TO: SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES
ADMINISTRATORS, STAFF AND TEACHERS

FROM: JERRY SJOLANDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SPECIAL EDUCATION

SUBJECT: AUDIOLOGICAL SERVICES

The Audiology Department is located at the District Offices in the Boniface Mall. This department can provide the following services when deemed appropriate by a student's IEP team or school district representatives:

- Audiological evaluations
- Monitoring classroom acoustics
- Evaluation to determine need for amplification
- Monitoring of equipment (use of and functioning of)
- Repair of equipment
- Contact with building service providers involved with child's program (teacher, special education teacher, and speech/language therapist, bi-lingual teacher)
- Quarterly classroom observations focusing on: communication interaction of student and teacher, listening skills and time on task of student.

The audiologist, hard of hearing teacher, and/or designated staff member in the child's school will monitor equipment until independent and consistent use has been established. This includes checking batteries, inserting and removing hearing aids, notifying personnel when equipment is not functioning, etc. Monitoring of hearing aids will be on a weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, quarterly, or as needed basis depending on the needs of the student. Some considerations in determining the frequency of service include:

- Is amplification equipment a part of the child's program?
- Is the equipment used consistently?
- Is child capable of monitoring functioning of equipment?