

WAC 246-760-040 Hearing screening procedures. (1) Schools shall screen all students referenced in WAC 246-760-020 using hearing screening equipment that delivers tonal stimuli at 1,000, 2,000, and 4,000 Hz.

(2) The screener shall:

(a) Conduct screenings in an environment free of extraneous noise, to the extent possible in a school setting;

(b) Position the student so they cannot see the front of the hearing screening equipment or are not facing it;

(c) Present each tone at a hearing level of 20 dB, following ASA/ANSI 2023 standards;

(d) Reinstruct the student or reposition the earphones if they appear confused or do not respond to the tonal stimuli;

(e) If at all possible, complete screening within the first semester of each school year;

(f) Place the results of screenings, any referrals, and referral results in each student's health and/or school record; and

(g) Forward the results to the student's new school if the student transfers.

(3) If a student cannot participate in pure tone hearing screening, an OAE device may be used. For screeners using OAE devices, they shall:

(a) Examine the student's ear to select an appropriately sized probe tip that fits comfortably and securely in the ear canal;

(b) Insert the probe into the student's ear canal and begin the screening. Make sure the equipment shows that the probe is securely in place and that the student is calm and still. For the best results, the screener should help the student stay quiet and keep the probe steady during the test;

(c) Continue measuring the OAE response until the equipment shows either a "PASS" or "REFER" result.

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