

The Vermont Coalition for Deaf or Hard of Hearing NASDSE Guidelines

The Vermont Coalition for Deaf or Hard of Hearing NASDSE Guidelines seeks to encourage the State of Vermont to utilize these Guidelines as a basis for all educational policies and decision making, and for families, teachers, special educators, and other stakeholders to be informed about best practices for educating students who are D/deaf or hard of hearing. Families need to have a knowledgeable foundation on which to stand whenever advocating for their child's best interests.

As a first step, we created an infographic of the "10 Essential Principles for Effective Education of Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing". We chose this as an introduction to give families and professionals a clear outline of the whole document. It is the Coalition's plan to continue increasing awareness and understanding of the NASDSE Guidelines among Vermont stakeholders. There are a few ideas in the discussion and planning stages to determine feasibility and the best routes to achieve our goals. The Coalition wants to ensure Vermont's D/deaf and hard of hearing student population receives the most appropriate education, with families able to advocate effectively on their behalf.