

Language Assessment Program-Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the language assessment program for deaf/hard of hearing children (LAP-DHH)?

In accordance with K.S.A. 75-5397e, a language assessment program was established to assess, monitor, and track the language developmental milestones of each child who is deaf or hard of hearing from birth through age eight in Kansas. As part of the program, an annual language assessment shall be provided for each of these children for the purpose of achieving age-appropriate language development and providing data-driven interventions. The language assessment includes the use of various evaluations in the areas of receptive, expressive, and social language (ASL and/or English). The assessments will evaluate ASL and/or English based on the child's needs.

How will the assessments be done?

A specialist from the LAP-DHH program will come to your school and/or the child's home to do the assessments in the child's preferred language. These assessments will be done in collaboration with the child's team and with the parents. The LAP-DHH specialist will provide a written report to staff and parents explaining assessment results.

Who does the assessments?

The Kansas School for the Deaf will secure and train the LAP-DHH specialists who will be conducting the assessments. All LAP-DHH specialists must meet certain qualifications and go through training in order to be eligible to give the assessments.

What is the cost?

At this time, there will be no costs to the family, tiny-k program, or school district.

How do I register my children who are deaf/hard of hearing?

For more information, contact Angie Walker at awalker@kssdb.org or 913-210-8149.

When will my children be assessed?

A LAP-DHH specialist will be evaluating the children in your program/school every six months either through formal assessments or progress monitoring. Your specialist will share the testing protocol and timeline with you.

What happens with the results?

Specific assessment results will be shared with the child's parents and appropriate staff. Aggregated results of all deaf/hard of hearing children birth through age eight will be shared with the Kansas State Legislature.

Is this program just for children who are receiving special education services?

No, this program is for *any* child who is deaf/hard of hearing birth through age eight regardless of whether they have an IFSP, IEP, or 504 plan. If you have a deaf/hard of hearing child in your school who is not receiving special education services, please contact us to get them registered.

I have a teacher of the deaf and/or speech-language pathologist. Can they do the assessments? All LAP-DHH specialists must meet certain qualifications and go through training in order to be eligible to give the assessments. If you have a teacher of the deaf and/or speech-language pathologist who may be eligible, contact Angie Walker at awalker@kssdb.org or 913-210-8149.

What can I do to help?

Please share this information with your staff and families. Additional information will be released as the program develops.



The limits of my language are the limits of my world.

~Ludwig Wittgenstein
