

SUMMARY UPDATE OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES

Worcester Public School Students with Hearing Impairment

At present, WPS has identified 28 students with a primary disability of Sensory/Hearing.

In addition, WPS has identified 20 students who require support for hearing loss as a secondary disability.

The district also has (25) students who have been placed in out of district programs for students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

To date, the district has (23) Deaf or Hard of Hearing students who are supported within our schools.

An analysis of the 23 students in district provided the following information:

- 10 students only require the support of an Audiologist. These services are being provided by Dr. Lynne Garafolo.
- 12 students require the support of a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. 2 of these students also receive support from an Audiologist.
- 7 of the 12 students requiring Teacher of the Deaf services are at Woodland Academy and are receiving the amount of service required per their IEP's.
- 5 students require support from a Teacher of the Deaf and have received interim support from building based staff, as the district will coordinate what is needed for compensatory services during this school year.

In meeting our requirement this school year, the district has hired a Teacher of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing for our cochlear impaired students at Woodland who are in our Young Voices Program. Additionally, the assignment of a Teacher of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing has been scheduled to provide these itinerant services and will coordinate a compensatory plan for our (5) students who have not received services this school year.

This start date of this teacher of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing is scheduled to begin full time Thursday, October 27, 2016.