

UNILATERAL HEARING LOSS

Possible Impact on Listening and Understanding of Language and Speech

- Student may have difficulty locating noises especially if background noises are present, there is distance from the sound source or the sound is on the side with the hearing loss.
- Student has difficulty listening to and understanding soft level speech.
- Student is 10 times more likely to have academic struggles as compared to hearing peers.
- Some students (up to 50%) experience significant learning problems.

Possible Academic Accommodations and Services

- Amplification is beneficial.
- Student will benefit from preferential seating in the classroom environment.
- Consultation and/or direct services provided by a teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing should be considered.
- Special academic support may be necessary if language or educational delays are present.
- Inservice on implications of this type of hearing loss required for classroom teacher.

Possible social implications

- Students may appear inattentive, distractible or frustrated.
- Student may exhibit behavior or social problems.
- Student may have difficulty learning in cooperative environments.