

Provincial Resources

- BC School for the Deaf – Instruction through American Sign Language (ASL) provided to Elementary (Kindergarten to Grade 7) and Secondary School Students (Grades 8 to 12)
- Provincial Oral Program – Both Oral and ASL instruction provided to Secondary School Students (Grades 8 to 12)



Appeal Process

A checklist of steps in referring a student to the BCDEC, including the process for an appeal of a decision by the Committee, is available at:

www.popdhh.ca/bcdec/details

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British Columbia Deaf Education Committee



Purpose of BCDEC



The purpose of the BC Deaf Education Committee (BCDEC) is to determine whether the BC School for the Deaf or the Provincial Oral Program is the most appropriate school placement for a student who is deaf or hard of hearing.

The Committee's primary function is to determine eligibility for entrance into the BC School for the Deaf, or the Provincial Oral Program. Upon request, the Committee can also be convened to review and provide consultation on a student's placement and educational needs.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility* is based on:

1. Designation as a deaf or hard of hearing student
2. Current enrolment in a BC school
3. Evidence that the student would benefit academically, socially and developmentally from placement in BCSD or the Oral Program
4. Evidence that the student's behaviour is such that they are not a danger to themselves or others
5. Available resources and space limitations in BCSD or the Provincial Oral Program

* The Principles of Learning will guide the Eligibility Criteria for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students.

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BCDEC Process and Procedures

1. The Committee Chair receives a referral from the home school district
2. The Committee Chair gathers all required information for the Committee
3. The Committee members review the student's application and determine, by consensus, if the student is eligible
4. The Committee Chair informs the concerned parties of three possible outcomes:

- a. Eligible**
- b. Ineligible
- c. Interim placement

** Eligibility does not mean automatic admission into BCSD and the Oral Program, and is subject to resources and space limitations.

For detailed information please visit:

www.popdhh.ca/bcdec/terms-of-reference