

TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Student Assessment
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RE: IREAD-3 Hard of Hearing Form

Guidance for assigning the Hard of Hearing form for IREAD-3.

The Indiana Department of Education provides an IREAD-3 Hard of Hearing form that removes phonics items from the assessment. Students with a documented hearing loss and a formalized plan (e.g., Individualized Education Program [IEP], Individual Learning Plan [ILP], Choice Special Education Plan [CSEP]), Section 504 Plan and Service Plan) may be assigned the Hard of Hearing form for IREAD-3.

The Hard of Hearing form should be discussed by the Case Conference Committee, which reviews data and instructional strategies for a student and determines that the student needs to utilize the Hard of Hearing form in lieu of the traditional IREAD-3 assessment with phonics items.

The following framework can be utilized to guide conversations regarding the assignment of this accommodation:

- Does the local school or corporation have well-documented evidence the student needs to utilize the Hard of Hearing form in lieu of the traditional IREAD-3 assessment with phonics?
- Does the student have a recent educational eligibility that would impact the student's ability to accurately and effectively comprehend phonics instruction?

Once the Case Conference Committee has determined the HOH form is needed by a student, the school will then contact the [Office of Student Assessment](#) for assistance. Then OSA will send the school a link asking schools to fill out so that the student can have access to the HOH form. The deadline is approximately two weeks before the IREAD-3 window begins so that schools can check the status of the student in TIDE to make sure the HOH flag is set. Please see the deadlines below:

- IREAD-3 2020 Fall- October 19
- IREAD-3 2021 Spring- February 22
- IREAD-3 2021 Summer- May 10