**Vermilion Association for Special Education**

**Deafness Entrance Criteria**



**State/Cooperative Definition**

Deafness is a hearing impairment that is so severe that the child is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification, that adversely affects a child’s educational performance.

**Step 1: Identification of a Disability**

Y N Identification of Disability

Y N Documentation of hearing impairment, with or without amplification

Y N Documentation that hearing impairment prevents child from adequately processing spoken language, with or without amplification

**Step 2: Determination of Adverse Effect**

Y N Documentation of adverse effect on educational performance

**Step 3: Determination of Need of Special Education Services**

Y N The student requires specialized instruction to address the adverse effect of the delays on educational performance.

**Step 4: Eligibility**

Y N The student is entitled to special education services.