**ESTIMATING CLASSROOM NOISE EFFECTS**

**Student Grade School**

The following questions are for students who are in a regular classroom setting.

The questions do not apply to students in portable classrooms.

Circle yes or no for each question.

If you notice something at least every week or so, circle yes.

If you notice something only once a month or so, circle no.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1. Does your classroom have a hard floor surface (no carpeting on the floor)?
 | Yes | No |
| 2. Do you notice when the fan noise starts for heating or air conditioning? | Yes | No |
| 3. When your teacher is talking, are there times that you feel like you miss some of what she says because of noise made by other students in your class? | Yes | No |
| 4. Do you notice when there is sound from the hallway outside of your classroom? | Yes | No |
| 5. Do you notice the teacher’s voice from the classroom next door to your classroom? | Yes | No |
| 6. Would you say that your classroom is really large in size or has extra-high ceilings? | Yes | No |
| 7. Are there white boards (or chalk boards) on more than one wall of your classroom? | Yes | No |
| 8. When students with desks across the room from yours answer questions can you usually understand what they say without really working to listen and understand? | Yes | No |
| 9. Does your teacher seem to need to talk pretty loud for everyone to hear her in your classroom (not just a bit loud)? | Yes | No |
| 10. Are there times you feel that you need to really work to listen so you don’t miss part of what the teacher is saying? | Yes | No |

Comments about how easy it is for you to listen and understand in your classroom:

If the total number of yes responses is 5 or more, this student may be experiencing listening difficulties in the classroom that are due in part to inappropriate classroom acoustics.

Karen L. Anderson, PhD, 2011