

My Fact Sheet

Student: Patrick SmithD/HH Itinerant Teacher: Jennifer Bitz

School Year: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

About Me

- I love to play football and basketball
- I have an older sister and a younger brother
- My best subjects are math and science

About My Hearing Loss

- I was born deaf, doctors are not sure of the cause of my deafness
- I have a cochlear implant in my left ear (my hearing with my implant is a mild loss, without my implant I have a profound hearing loss)
- I have a severe hearing loss in my right ear

A Person I Admire

- Michael Lizarraaga - deaf
- On the Cal State Northridge men's basketball team (NCAA Division I)
- Area of study in college: Tourism & Recreation Management

Assistive Devices

- I use a Sound Field Amplification System—
This is how you, the teacher, use this system:
 1. Put the microphone about 6 inches from your mouth
 2. Make sure it is on and talk into the microphone using a normal voice
 3. Point to or name the person talking
 4. Allow students to use the microphone for group work, discussions, oral reports, etc.
- During videos, closed captioning allows me to understand better
- I use audio cords to listen to music on my MP3 player and to hear information on the computer more easily.

Things the Teacher Can Do to Help Me

- Preferential seating – seat me close to the teacher for best listening and watching, especially in a group
- Seat me with my left ear facing the speaker (teacher or class members)
- As much as possible, provide a clear view of faces
- Get my attention before speaking to me
- Try to face me when speaking and use a normal tone of voice and moderate rate of speech
- Use visual materials or strategies along with speech as much as possible
- Tell me the topic before initiating a classroom discussion or conversation
- Be aware of background noise in the classroom and how it masks your speech
- Write key words and concepts on the board

My Support Staff

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Itinerant Teacher: Jennifer Bitz (555-8888)
- Audiologist: Brian Andrews (555-5555)

What the Itinerant Teacher Will Do

- Provide tutoring services 90 minutes per week to work on IEP goals and objectives
- Assist me and the school staff with situations concerning my hearing loss, the cochlear implant, and the sound field system
- Consult and work with teachers and other school staff
- Give quarterly reports about my progress to school staff and my parents