

Hearing Loss: Tips for Teachers

Background noise is challenging for students with hearing loss-

Hearing, Listening and Understanding are 3 different concepts!

Ask a student a comprehension question or to repeat back a direction rather than say,

“Can you hear me?” (They all say yes)

Be aware of giving students visual access to your face.

- Try not to talk while facing the board

- Be aware of talking from the back of the room when using a projector

Lighting:

- Dark

- Too Bright- Glare from Windows

To FM or Not to FM, that is the question.

- FM overcomes distance and noise.

- Distance (you walk around) and Noise (kids, mowers, fans, etc) happen all the time at random moments.

Student does NOT have to be in front seat.

- Best seat takes into consideration many factors:

- Visual access to you and the board

- Auditory access to other students in the class

- Environmental noise (heater, hall, windows/outside)

FYI: approximately 20% of students in front of you have mild hearing loss due to:

- Ear infections

- Tubes

- Noise induced hearing loss

- Allergies

- Colds