

Current	Proposed Changes	Rationale for Changes
<p>(29) "Hearing impairment", sometimes referred to as "deaf" or "hard of hearing", means a hearing loss that:</p> <p>(a) May be mild to profound, unilateral or bilateral, permanent or fluctuating, and is determined by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An average pure-tone hearing loss in the speech range (500Hz, 1000Hz, and 2000Hz) of at least 25dB in the better ear;</li> <li>2. An average pure-tone hearing loss in the high-frequency range (2000Hz, 4000Hz, and 6000Hz) of at least 45dB in the better ear; or</li> <li>3. An average pure-tone unilateral hearing loss in the speech range (500Hz, 1000Hz, and 2000Hz) of at least 60dB in the impaired ear;</li> </ol> <p>(b) Results in difficulty identifying linguistic information through hearing; and</p> <p>(c) Has an adverse effect on the child's educational performance.</p>	<p>(29) "Hearing impairment", sometimes referred to as "deaf" or "hard of hearing", means a hearing loss that:</p> <p>(a) May be mild to profound, unilateral or bilateral, permanent or fluctuating; <del>and is determined by:</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>1. An average pure-tone hearing loss in the speech range (500Hz, 1000Hz, and 2000Hz) of at least 25dB in the better ear;</del></li> <li><del>2. An average pure-tone hearing loss in the high frequency range (2000Hz, 4000Hz, and 6000Hz) of at least 45dB in the better ear; or</del></li> <li><del>3. An average pure-tone unilateral hearing loss in the speech range (500Hz, 1000Hz, and 2000Hz) of at least 60dB in the impaired ear;</del></li> </ol> <p>(b) Results in difficulty identifying linguistic information through hearing; and</p> <p>(c) Has an adverse effect on the child's educational performance.</p>	<p>Improve alignment of Kentucky's definition [707 KAR 1:002, section 1 (29)] to the federal definition [34 CFR 300.8 (5)].</p> <p>34 CFR 300.8 (5) <b>Hearing impairment</b> means an impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a child's educational performance but that is not included under the definition of deafness in this section.</p>

<p>(65) "Visual impairment" or "VI" means a vision loss, even with correction that:</p> <p>(a) Requires specialized materials, instruction in orientation and mobility, Braille, visual efficiency, or tactile exploration;</p> <p>(b) Has an adverse effect on the child's educational performance; and</p> <p>(c) Meets the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The child has visual acuity with prescribed lenses that is 20/70 or worse in the better eye; or</li> <li>2. The child has visual acuity that is better than 20/70 and the child has one (1) of the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A medically-diagnosed progressive loss of vision;</li> <li>b. A visual field of twenty (20) degrees or worse;</li> <li>c. A medically-diagnosed condition of cortical blindness; or</li> <li>d. A functional vision loss.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>(65) "Visual impairment" or "VI" means a vision loss, even with correction that <i>has</i></p> <p><del>(a) Requires specialized materials, instruction in orientation and mobility, Braille, visual efficiency, or tactile exploration;</del></p> <p><del>(b) Has</del> an adverse effect on the child's educational performance; <del>and</del></p> <p><del>(c) Meets the following:</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>1. The child has visual acuity with prescribed lenses that is 20/70 or worse in the better eye; or</del></li> <li><del>2. The child has visual acuity that is better than 20/70 and the child has one (1) of the following conditions:</del> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>a. A medically diagnosed progressive loss of vision;</del></li> <li><del>b. A visual field of twenty (20) degrees or worse;</del></li> <li><del>c. A medically diagnosed condition of cortical blindness; or</del></li> <li><del>d. A functional vision loss.</del></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Improve alignment of Kentucky's definition [707 KAR 1:002, section 1 (65)] to the federal definition [34 CFR 300.8 (13)].</p> <p><u>34 CFR 300.8</u></p> <p>(13) <b>Visual impairment including blindness</b> means an impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness.</p>
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