

## **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program**

Our Deaf and Hard of Hearing program is a continuum of services designed to enhance instruction and services to meet the unique communication and education needs of our students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. We think of this program as being support services to general education, rather than a place where services are provided. These services could include:

- Implementing accommodations (ex.sign language interpreter, a computer-assisted note taker, assistive technology, paraprofessional)
- Utilizing classroom technology in large group, small groups and pairings (ex.
  Classroom microphone passed among students during class discussions)
- Ensuring captioning on all media presentations
- Providing instruction in multiple modalities to fit students' learning styles and needs
- Providing individualized instruction

We also provide an educational environment where direct communication with peers and staff is promoted, including supporting students in developing inter/intrapersonal skills, building peer support systems, and facilitating understanding of Deaf culture and Hearing culture and honoring the differences.