

About the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing regional cooperative program within Northwest Educational Service District 189

❖ Support for 35 school districts within five-county region

- Whatcom
- Island
- Skagit
- Snohomish
- San Juan

❖ Population served

- Children with hearing loss
- Ages 3-21

❖ Location

- Anacortes School District
- Students live at home
- Home district provides transportation

❖ Encourage independence

❖ Communication skills



“With purposeful planning and implementation, both spoken language and sign language can have a successful role in the lives of children who are deaf and hard of hearing.”

- Laurent Clerc, National Deaf Education Center, Gallaudet University

❖ Program

- ASL/English bilingual bimodal
- Research-based
- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Academic activities
- Social activities

❖ Educational team

- Teachers of the Deaf
- Speech/Language Specialist
- Educational interpreters
- Classroom aides

❖ Life-long learning

Development of fluency in both ASL and English make accessible the same outcomes realized by all Washington State public school children.



Deaf adults don't think of themselves as limited. What a deaf child can't do is relatively limited. What a deaf child *can* do is relatively unlimited.



D/HH offers

- ❖ a solid foundation in ASL that leads to the acquisition of English and reading skills;
- ❖ language lessons that are infused throughout all daily activities;
- ❖ social development and support with peers and knowledgeable adults;
- ❖ full-time professional structure that allows students to remain in the home with their families;
- ❖ support for children from preschool through high school; and
- ❖ skilled additional staff with training and experience.



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Together We Can

"The individual attention and specialized plans have made all the difference in my child being able to communicate with both deaf and hearing populations."

-Parent of a D/HH student



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Deaf/Hard-of- Hearing Program



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to Unlock Their
Future*



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