Rubric for Evaluating Colorado's Specialized Service Professionals: *Audiologist Simulation*

Definition of an Effective Audiologist

Effective audiologists are vital members of the education team. They are properly credentialed and have the knowledge and skills necessary to facilitate equitable access and participation in school-related activities. Effective audiologists strive to support growth and development in the least restrictive environment, close achievement gaps and prepare diverse student populations for postsecondary and workforce success. Effective audiologists manage hearing assistance technology for students and educators and utilize evidence-based strategies to remove barriers to learning. They identify hearing loss and other auditory difficulties and they monitor, interpret and communicate the impact of hearing on listening, learning and academic growth. Effective audiologists provide services that are comprehensive and designed to address each student's individual academic, communication and psychosocial needs. They have a deep understanding of the interconnectedness of the home, school and community and collaborate with all members of the education team to strengthen those connections. Through reflection, advocacy and leadership, they enhance the academic achievement and personal/social development of their students.

QUALITY STANDARD I Audiologists demonstrate mastery of and expertise in the domain for which they are responsible. **Proficient Partially Proficient** Basic **Accomplished Exemplary** (Meets State Standard) **ELEMENT A:** Audiologists demonstrate knowledge of current developmental science, the ways in which learning takes place and the appropriate levels of intellectual, social and emotional development of their students. . . . and . . . and . . . and . . . and THE AUDIOLOGIST: THE AUDIOLOGIST: THE AUDIOLOGIST: **STUDENTS OR STUDENTS:** Applies knowledge of Assists others in Make progress toward Relates general **SIGNIFICANT ADULTS:** child and auditory auditory, language and understanding the auditory, language and Demonstrate development to psychosocial auditory, linguistic and communication goals. understanding of the development to developmental factors audiological impact of hearing on practice. that impact student practices. development and learning. communication. Demonstrates an understanding of communication systems and educational options for children with hearing loss.

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-	ts demonstrate knowledge of cy, math and other content are		cially designed instruction th	at reduce barriers to and
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Identifies barriers to learning, including those related to hearing and listening.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Recommends interventions and adaptations that reduce barriers to learning and increase access to instruction.	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Utilizes a variety of strategies and resources to support communication and reduce barriers to student learning. 	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS:	and STUDENTS: Demonstrate increased access to the instructional environment.
ELEMENT C: Audiologist nstruction.	rs integrate evidence-based pr	ractices and research findings	into their services and/or sp	pecially designed
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Demonstrates an understanding of the concept and importance of using evidence-based audiological practices. ELEMENT D: Audiologis	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Provides services that are consistent with current research and standards of practice.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides recommendations, reports and information that reflect a connection between student data and evidence-based audiological practices.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Implement audiologist's information to improve access to and participation in the learning environment.	and STUDENTS: Demonstrate benefit from audiologist's instruction and research-based services.
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Recognizes the importance of home, school and community on the impact on student learning.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Utilizes community and school resources to support student needs. ✓ Makes appropriate educational and community referrals.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Differentiates and integrates relevant past and present health, social and family history. □ Serves as an educational liaison for students and collaborates with community providers.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Utilize support from community and school resources.	and STUDENTS: Experience a continuum of support from family, school and community.

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ELEMENT E: Audiologists demonstrate knowledge of and expertise in their profession.							
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Demonstrates an understanding of state and national educational audiology standards of practice.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Provides services to ensure that students with auditory difficulties are identified, properly evaluated and managed.	expertise	audiology	and STUDENTS: Access services that meet educational audiology standards of practice.	and STUDENTS: Demonstrate benefits from the expert services of the audiologist.		
Evaluator Comments: (Required for Ratings of recommended for all rati	"Basic" or "Partially Proficient ing levels.)	t" and	(Please indica	Person Being Evaluated: ite the element for which the ard as a whole.)	comment applies if not		

Audiologists support and/or establish safe, inclusive and respectful learning environments for a diverse population of students.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary				
ELEMENT A: Audiologists foster safe and accessible learning environments in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.								
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Demonstrates an understanding of his or her role in providing students with a safe and accessible environment.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Supports a learning environment focusing on communication access.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Nurtures student self- concept by promoting understanding and acceptance of hearing challenges and hearing technology.	and STUDENTS: ✓ Make progress toward developing positive self-concepts.	and STUDENTS: □ Demonstrate effective communication with their peers, teachers and others in their environment. ✓ Express their needs related to hearing, technology and/or learning.				

Audiologists support and/or establish safe, inclusive and respectful learning environments for a diverse population of students.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary				
ELEMENT B: Audiologists demonstrate respect for diversity within the home, school and local and global communities.								
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Respects the diverse background of students and their families.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Uses tools, assessments and materials that are culturally appropriate.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Provides unbiased information regarding hearing loss, communication options, educational programming and technology options. ✓ Demonstrates sensitivity to cultural differences within family systems including deaf culture.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: ✓ Demonstrate respect for each other and the audiologist.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: ✓ Engage in respectful and open dialogue with each other and the audiologist.				
ELEMENT C: Audiologis	ts engage students as unique	individuals with diverse backg	rounds, interests, strengths	and needs.				
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Treats students as individuals.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Makes recommendations and/or referrals based on unique needs of students. ✓ Delivers services or assessments appropriate to the developmental, receptive and expressive abilities of students.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Utilizes procedures and tools that specifically address individual educational and referral concerns. □ Dynamically adapts to the behavioral level of the child.	and STUDENTS: Participate in services which take into account their unique backgrounds, interests and needs.	and STUDENTS: Feel valued as individuals.				

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ELEMENT D: Audiologis and other significant adul	ets engage in proactive, clear attacks and/or professionals.	and constructive communica	tion and work collaboratively	with students, families
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Fosters an environment that is inviting to students, families and significant adults.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Uses appropriate communication supports (interpreters and translators). ✓ Provides verbal and written information that is clear and understandable to the listener.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Partners with families and significant adults to help students meet education goals. ☐ Counsels students, families and staff regarding the educational impact of hearing loss and other auditory difficulties in a relevant manner.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: □ Communicate effectively with the audiologist.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Actively participate in the education process. Seek the audiologist's assistance when needed.
_	ts select, create and/or support ppropriate behavioral strates and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Structures assessments or services to minimize interruption of instructional time.	_	nments characterized by acce and STUDENTS: ✓ Stay on task in the learning environment.	eptable student behavior, and STUDENTS: Participate actively in the learning environment.
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Basic	Partially Proficient	Partially Proficient (Meets State Standard)		Exemplary	
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Is knowledgeable about the federal and state laws, local policies and the Colorado Standards of Practice.	∴ and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Adheres to legal requirements such as state screening laws and special education procedures. ✓ Completes evaluations and reports for students with identified hearing loss within mandated time limits.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Determines eligibility for special education in accordance with state law. ✓ Actively participates in the development of student plans as a member of the educational team.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: ✓ Demonstrate an understanding of the services or instruction provided by the audiologist.	from having equal access to the learning	
ELEMENT B: Audiologi and/or specially designed	sts utilize multiple sources of a l instruction.	data, which include valid info	rmal and/or formal assessme	nts, to inform services	
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Selects appropriate protocols of assessment and data-collection. ✓ Utilizes multiple sources of data.	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Provides assessments that are targeted to educational and communication needs of student. ✓ Conducts various levels of evaluation such as screening, observation, 	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Uses, analyzes and interprets results from a comprehensive assortment of audiological tests. □ Integrates traditional audiometric data with	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Participate willingly and understand the purpose of formal and informal assessments.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Demonstrate an understanding of the abilities of the student and how the student is impacted in the learning environment.	

functional assessment

data.

interview and/or functional

assessments.

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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
_	ts plan and consistently delive		-	•
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Uses data and student needs to plan services.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Collects multiple data points and a body of evidence to monitor student progress or determine present level of functioning.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Analyzes and integrates audiological data in conjunction with other disciplinespecific information to plan services. Monitors effectiveness of services and makes changes as needed.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Set individual goals for students based on audiologist's data and recommendations.	and STUDENTS: Develop skills and/or receive services which enable them to access and participate in the learning environment.
ELEMENT D: Audiologis to maximize student outcome	ts support and integrate appromes.	opriate available technology	in their services and/or spec	ially designed instruction
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Evaluates the need for hearing assistance technology.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Abides by guidelines for the fitting, evaluation, use and monitoring of hearing assistance technology.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Uses a variety of methods to ensure that personal and hearing assistance technology is optimally fit and functioning. ✓ Supports significant adults in the use of hearing technology.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: ✓ Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of utilizing hearing technology. ✓ Can perform basic troubleshooting.	and STUDENTS: ✓ Demonstrate improved auditory access using equipment that functions on a consistent basis.

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	ELEMENT E: Audiologists establish and communicate high expectations for their students that support the development of critical-thinking, self-advocacy, leadership and problem solving skills.							
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Has high expectations for all students.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Encourages significant adults, families and/or students to set high expectations for student outcome and growth.	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Considers or assesses students' self-advocacy and problem-solving skills to plan services. ✓ Collaborates with students or significant adults to promote self-advocacy skills of students. 	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: On their own or in collaboration with audiologist can explain hearing, communication or technology to others.	and STUDENTS: Advocate for self in listening and communication needs.				
ELEMENT F: Audiologist	ts communicate effectively w	ith students.						
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Establishes rapport with students.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Explains audiologic findings and/or provides feedback to students when appropriate.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Collaborates with students and staff to ensure that students and/or caregivers understand hearing, listening and learning needs.	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: ✓ Demonstrate knowledge of the student's hearing difficulty and unique needs.	and STUDENTS: ✓ Feel and/or appear comfortable interacting with the audiologist and advocating for their needs.				

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ELEMENT G: Audiologis	ts develop and/or implement	t services and/or	specially de	signed instruction unique to	their professions.
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Considers the listening and acoustical aspects of the learning environment.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Identifies environmental components of the learning environment including listener needs and acoustic variables.	and THE AUDIOLO ✓ Evaluates the environmer acts as a reseadvocate for accessibility	ne learning nt and/or source to or acoustic	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: ✓ Utilize audiologist's feedback to improve the listening environment.	and STUDENTS: ✓ Access instruction in an environment that is acoustically appropriate to the extent possible.
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Audiologists reflect on their practice.

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ELEMENT A: Audiologists demonstrate that they analyze student learning, development and growth and apply what they learn to improve their practice.							
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Demonstrates an understanding of how student learning occurs and how hearing impacts student learning.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Dialogues with colleagues to make connections between school and classroom data and research- based practices. ✓ Collects and analyzes student data to inform	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Applies knowledge of hearing ability, student learning, development and growth to accommodation plans and environmental and instructional strategies. 	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Actively investigates new ideas to enhance practices that improve student outcomes. Monitors and evaluates professional practices to	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Based on analyses of data, applies and evaluates new and innovative strategies for continuous improvement of professional practice.			

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ELEMENT B: Audiologis	ts link professional growth to	their profes	ssional goals.		
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Completes required professional development.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Applies knowledge and skills learned through professional development to audiology practice. ✓ Uses performance feedback from supervisor and/or colleagues to improve practice.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Develops professional goals based on the likelihood of having a positive impact on student learning, alignment with relevant standards, current research and student needs.		and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Develops and follows a long-term professional development plan.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Gathers data from students, families and colleagues to assess long-term professional development goals and modifies as needed.
ELEMENT C: Audiologis THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Demonstrates an understanding that the learning environment is complex and dynamic.	ts respond to complex, dynar and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Scans the learning environment for changes that influence practice.	mic environments. and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Demonstrates flexibility, shifting priorities and activities, based on changes in the learning environment.		and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Assists colleagues in being responsive to changes in the learning environment.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Expands role to incorporate different or more comprehensive responsibilities as needed.
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QUALITY STANDARD V

Audiologists demonstrate collaboration, advocacy and leadership.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary				
ELEMENT A: Audiologists collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to meet the needs of students.								
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Establishes and promotes positive interpersonal relationships.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Partners with school and community identification programs to ensure identification of students with hearing needs.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Establishes communication and serves as an effective liaison with school and community service providers. Builds professional and personal trust and credibility with others.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Contributes to educational and/or community committees and teams.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Facilitates collaboration with others to create and/or maintain a multi-tiered continuum of services to support students.				
ELEMENT B: Audiologis	ts advocate for students, fam	ilies and schools.						
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Understands the need to advocate for students, families and schools.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Participates in activities designed to improve policies and/or procedures that affect student learning. Reaches out to students, families and the community in order to understand their needs.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Contributes to and/or participates in task forces and committees to advocate for students. □ Discusses potential revisions to policies and/or procedures with colleagues in order to better address student and school needs.	and STUDENTS AND/OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: ✓ Give feedback or offer suggestions to the audiologist. □ Recognize practices that improve access to learning.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Advocate for students' needs.				

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ELEMENT C: Audiologists demonstrate leadership in their educational setting(s).										
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Identifies and supports state, regional, district and/or school goals and initiatives.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Recognizes opportunities to develop leadership skills.	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Takes advantage of opportunities to provide leadership to teams or other entities. ✓ Confers with administrators to improve working and student learning conditions. 	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Initiates and leads collaborative activities to share ideas to improve student outcomes, contribute to goals and support struggling students.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Participates in activities beyond those expected of all audiologists or other Specialized Services Professionals.						

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Audiologists demonstrate collaboration, advocacy and leadership.

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ELEMENT D: Audiologists contribute knowledge and skills to educational practices and their profession.										
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Shares expertise with colleagues.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Participates in decision-making processes.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Serves as an active member of teams to support educational practices and the audiology profession.		THE AUDIOLOGIST: Leads professional development or training activities whenever possible.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Advocates for the inclusion of audiologists in education and government decision-making processes. Mentors and/or supervises other professionals or interns to facilitate their professional development.					
ELEMENT E: Audiologists demonstrate high ethical standards.										
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Maintains confidentiality of student records as required by law. ✓ Adheres to standards of professional practice.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Maintains confidentiality of student and colleague interactions as well as student and personal data.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Demonstrates ethical behavior, including honesty, integrity, fair treatment and respect for others.		 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Encourages colleagues to demonstrate ethical behavior. ✓ Expects ethical behavior on the part of students. 	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: ✓ Models and sets expectations for ethical behavior for staff and/or students.					
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Observations, Required Measures and Other Evidence/Artifacts for Audiologists

S.B. 10-191 REQUIRES MULTIPLE MEASURES OF EDUCATOR PERFORMANCE MEASURED ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. For specialized service professionals this requirement is defined as required measures and optional additional measures (evidence/artifacts). While the rubric serves as the data collection tool for observations, districts and BOCES must determine the method for collecting data regarding required measures and additional evidence/artifacts. This chart serves as a reminder of the required measures that must be discussed annually and evidence/artifacts that may be discussed at the end of the evaluation cycle to confirm the accuracy of ratings.

SHALL BE BASED ON AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PERFORMANCE MEASURES, WHEN APPROPRIATE TO THE SSP'S ASSIGNED DUTIES:

- Student perception measures, where appropriate and feasible
- Peer feedback
- Parent or guardian feedback
- Student support documentation

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE/ARTIFACTS:

Evaluation of professional practice may include additional measures such as those listed below. These are provided as examples of evidence the evaluator and/or educator being evaluated may share with each other to provide evidence of performance in addition to observations and evaluator ratings collected on the rubric.

- Audiological assessments/reports
- Calendar/schedule
- Certificates of participation in professional development activities
- Classroom acoustics assessments/reports
- Collaboration activities
- Communication with community agencies
- Correspondence/consultation records
- Developmental history records
- Documentation of presentations given
- Educational audiology standards of practice
- Evidence of new practices implemented
- Family-friendly and language-accessible materials/displays
- Formal and informal student assessments
- Funding resources/applications
- Guidelines for hearing assistance technology (HAT)
- IEP team meeting participation
- In-service training records
- Leadership in committee or organization
- Screening program records

- Sources for research/evidence based practices
- Student inventories or observation records
- Student plans (504, IEP/IFSP, Communication)
- Technology assessment and/or monitoring records
- Use of outside agency reports or information
- Mentoring/supervising records
- Parent, student or teacher feedback or survey
- Participation/membership in professional or community organizations
- Participation on committees and/or task forces
- Pre- and post-intervention data
- Progress monitoring data
- Professional goals and/or growth plan
- Published articles
- Records of advocacy activities
- Records of expanded responsibilities
- Records of service delivery
- Referral records
- Research results
- Self-Advocacy Data