Rubric for Evaluating Colorado's Specialized Service Professionals: Audiologists

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		4 1 ' C 1' 1 4	71.1	
Basic	mastery of and expertise in Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
			science, the ways in which l	earning takes place and
the appropriate levels of in	ntellectual, social and emoti			
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THE AUDIOLOGIST:	THE AUDIOLOGIST:	THE AUDIOLOGIST:	STUDENTS OR	STUDENTS:
☐ Relates general	☐ Applies knowledge	☐ Assists others in	SIGNIFICANT	☐ Make progress
child and auditory	of auditory,	understanding the	ADULTS:	toward auditory,
development to	language and	auditory, linguistic	☐ Demonstrate	language and
audiological	psychosocial	and developmental	understanding of	communication
practices.	development to	factors that impact	the impact of	goals.
	practice.	student learning.	hearing on development and	
	☐ Demonstrates an		communication.	
	Demonstrates an understanding of		communication.	
	communication			
	systems and			
	educational options			
	for children with			
	hearing loss.			
ELEMENT R. Audiolog		e of effective services and/o	r specially designed instruc	tion that reduce barriers to
	eracy, math and other conte		r specially designed instruc-	tion that reduce barriers to
and support rounning in it	•		4	1
THE AUDIOLOGIST:	and THE AUDIOLOGIST:	and THE AUDIOLOGIST:	and STUDENTS OR	and STUDENTS:
☐ Identifies barriers	Recommends	☐ Utilizes a variety of	SIGNIFICANT	Demonstrate
to learning,	interventions and	strategies and	ADULTS:	increased access to
including those	adaptations that			the instructional
related to hearing	reduce barriers to	resources to support	☐ Identify barriers to hearing,	environment.
and listening.	learning and	reduce barriers to	communication, or	environment.
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QUALITY STANDARD I Audiologists demonstrate mastery of and expertise in the domain for which they are responsible.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT C: Audiolog instruction.	ists integrate evidence-base	ed practices and research fin	ndings into their services and	d/or specially designed
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Understands the concept and importance of using evidence-based audiological practices. ELEMENT D: Audiolog student achievement.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Provides services that are consistent with current research and standards of practice.	and 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. of home, school and communication.	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.
ELEMENT E: Audiolog		e of and expertise in their pr	1	1
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Is knowledgeable about 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.	and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides audiology expertise to educational teams and families.	and STUDENTS: Access free and appropriate educational audiology services.	and STUDENTS: Receive services that meet Educational Audiology Standards of Practice.

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	Audiologists demonstrate mastery of and expertise in the domain for which they are responsible.						
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QUALITY STANDARD							
Audiologists support and/	or establish safe, inclusive a			ronments for a diverse popu	llation of students.		
Basic	Partially Proficient		oficient ate Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary		
ELEMENT A: Audiolog	gists foster safe and accessib			which each student has a p	ositive, nurturing		
relationship with caring ac		Ţ.		•	·		
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THE AUDIOLOGIST:	THE AUDIOLOGIST:	THE AU	DIOLOGIST:	STUDENTS:	STUDENTS:		
☐ Understands how to	☐ Supports a learning	□ Facili	tates a	☐ Make progress	☐ Can communicate		
provide students	environment	learni	ng /	toward developing	with their peers,		
with a safe and	focusing on		onment that	positive self-	teachers and others		
accessible	communication	prom	otes	concepts.	in their		
environment.	access.		tance of	1	environment.		
			ng loss and				
			ng technology.		□ Express their needs		
			0,		related to hearing,		
		☐ Nurtu	res student		technology and/or		
			oncept.		learning.		

QUALITY STANDARD II 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: Audiolog	sists demonstrate respect for	diversity within the home,	school and local and global	communities.
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Respects the diverse background	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Uses tools, assessments and	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides unbiased information	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS:	and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS:
of students and their families.	materials that are culturally appropriate.	regarding hearing loss, communication options, educational programming and technology options.	Demonstrate respect for each other and the audiologist.	☐ Engage in respectful and open dialogue with each other and the audiologist.
		Demonstrates sensitivity to cultural differences within family systems including deaf culture.		
ELEMENT C: Audiolog			backgrounds, interests, stre	engths and needs.
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Treats students as individuals.	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.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Utilizes procedures and tools that specifically address individual educational and referral concerns. Dynamically adapts to the behavioral level of the child.	STUDENTS: Participate in services which take into account their unique backgrounds, interests and needs.	STUDENTS: ☐ Feel valued as individuals.

QUALITY STANDARD II Audiologists support and/or establish safe, inclusive and respectful learning environments for a diverse population of students.					
Basic	Partially Proficient	Profi (Meets State	cient	Accomplished	Exemplary
	gists engage in proactive, cleant adults and/or profession		active commu	inication and work collaboration	atively with students,
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Fosters an environment that is inviting to students, families and significant adults.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Uses appropriate communication supports (interpreters and translators).		with and ant adults to dents meet	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Actively participate in the education process.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Communicate effectively with the audiologist.
	Provides verbal and written information that is clear and understandable to the listener.	families regardin educatio of heari other au difficult relevant	onal impact ng loss and ditory ies in a manner.	Seek the audiologist's assistance when needed.	
	gists select, create and/or sup time and appropriate behavi			vironments characterized by	y acceptable student
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: ☐ Has strategies to guide students' behavior during assessment or service provision.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Structures assessments or services to minimize interruption of instructional time.	THE AUDIO Makes ruse of so provisio Maintain and order environs	maximum ervice n time. ns a safe erly	STUDENTS: Stay on task in the learning environment.	STUDENTS: Participate actively in the learning environment.
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QUALITY STANDARD III

Audiologists plan, deliver and/or monitor services and/or specially designed instruction and/or create environments that facilitate learning for their students.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
	gists provide services and/or standards, their districts' o			
	and	and	and	and
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Is knowledgeable about the federal and state laws, local policies and the Colorado Standards of Practice. ELEMENT B: Audiolog services and/or specially of the colorado services and services a	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.	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.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Demonstrate an understanding of the services or instruction provided by the audiologist.	STUDENTS: Demonstrate benefit from having equal access to the learning environment.
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Selects appropriate protocols of assessment and data-collection. Utilizes multiple sources of data.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides assessments that are targeted to educational and communication needs of student. Conducts various levels of evaluation such as screening, observation, interview and/or functional assessments.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Uses, analyzes and interprets results from a comprehensive assortment of audiological tests. Integrates traditional audiometric data with functional assessment data.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Participate willingly and understand the purpose of formal and informal assessments.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Understand the abilities of the student and how the student is impacted in the learning environment.

QUALITY STANDARD III					
		nd/or specially designed ins	truction and/or create envir	onments that facilitate	
learning for their students					
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary	
			ially designed instruction the		
		needs, learning and progre	ss toward achieving acaden	nic standards and	
individualized student goa					
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AUDIOLOGIST:	AUDIOLOGIST:	AUDIOLOGIST:	SIGNIFICANT	□ Develop skills	
☐ Uses data and student needs to	☐ Collects multiple data points and a	☐ Analyzes and integrates	ADULTS: ☐ Set individual	and/or receive services which	
plan services.	body of evidence to	audiological data in	Set individual goals for students	enable them to	
pian services.	monitor student	conjunction with	based on	access and	
	progress or	other discipline-	audiologist's data	participate in the	
	determine present	specific	and	learning	
	level of	information to plan	recommendations.	environment.	
	functioning.	services.			
		☐ Monitors			
		effectiveness of			
		services and makes			
		changes as needed.			
FI FMFNT D. Audiolog	gists support and integrate s	annronriate available techno	ology in their services and/o	or specially designed	
instruction to maximize si		ippropriate available teeling	ology in their services and/o	or specially designed	
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THE	THE	THE	STUDENTS OR	STUDENTS:	
AUDIOLOGIST:	AUDIOLOGIST:	AUDIOLOGIST:	SIGNIFICANT	□ Demonstrate	
☐ Evaluates the need	☐ Abides by	☐ Uses a variety of	ADULTS:	improved auditory	
for hearing	guidelines for the	methods to ensure	☐ Understand the	access using	
assistance	fitting, evaluation,	that personal and	importance of	equipment that	
technology.	use and monitoring	hearing assistance	utilizing hearing	functions on a	
	of hearing	technology is	technology.	consistent basis.	
	assistance	optimally fit and	— G		
	technology.	functioning.	☐ Can perform basic troubleshooting.		

Supports
significant adults in
the use of hearing
technology.

QUALITY STANDARD III

Audiologists plan, deliver and/or monitor services and/or specially designed instruction and/or create environments that facilitate learning for their students.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
	gists establish and commun	icate high expectations for	their students that support t	the development of
critical-thinking, self-adv	ocacy, leadership and probl	lem solving skills.		
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Has high expectations for all students.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Encourages significant adults, families and/or students to set high expectations for student outcome and growth.	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.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: On their own or in collaboration with audiologist can explain hearing, communication or technology to others.	STUDENTS: Advocate for self in listening and communication needs.
ELEMENT F: Audiolog	gists communicate effective	ely with students.		
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Establishes rapport with students.	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.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Demonstrate knowledge of the student's hearing difficulty and unique needs.	STUDENTS: Feel and/or appear comfortable interacting with the audiologist and advocating for their needs.
ELEMENT G: Audiolo	gists develop and/or impler	ment services and/or special	lly designed instruction uni	que to their professions.
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Understands classroom acoustics and its effects on the learning environment.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Acts as a resource for classroom acoustics measurement and mitigation.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Delivers services in accordance with district policy for the management of acoustics.	STUDENTS: Access instruction in an environment that is acoustically appropriate to the extent possible.	STUDENTS: Demonstrate increased academic participation from an acoustically improved environment.

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learning for their students.						
Evaluator Comments:	Comments of Person Being Evaluated:					
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QUALITY STANDARD IV Audiologists reflect on their practice.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Audiolog improve their practice.	gists demonstrate that they a	analyze student learning, de	velopment and growth and a	apply what they learn to
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Understands 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 practice.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Applies knowledge of hearing ability, student learning, development and growth to accommodation plans and environmental and instructional strategies.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Actively investigates new ideas to enhance practices that improve student outcomes. □ Monitors and evaluates professional practices to determine what works for students.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Based on analyses of data, applies and evaluates new and innovative strategies for continuous improvement of professional practice.

QUALITY STANDARD IV Audiologists reflect on their practice.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT B: Audiolog	ists link professional growt	h to their professional goals	S.	
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Completes required professional development.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Applies knowledge and skills learned through professional development to audiology practice. Uses performance feedback from supervisor and/or colleagues to improve practice.	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.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Develops and follows a long-term professional development plan.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ☐ Gathers data from students, families and colleagues to assess long-term professional development goals and modifies as needed.
ELEMENT C : Audiolog	ists respond to complex, dy			
THE AUDIOLOGIST:	and THE AUDIOLOGIST:	and THE AUDIOLOGIST:	and THE AUDIOLOGIST:	and THE AUDIOLOGIST:
Understands that the learning environment is complex and dynamic.	Scans the learning environment for changes that influence practice.	Demonstrates flexibility, shifting priorities and activities, based on changes in the learning environment.	Assists colleagues in being responsive to changes in the learning environment.	Expands role to incorporate different or more comprehensive responsibilities as needed.
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QUALITY STANDARD V Audiologists demonstrate collaboration, advocacy and leadership.				
		Proficient		
Basic	Partially Proficient	(Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Audiolog	gists collaborate with interna	al and external stakeholders	to meet the needs of studer	nts.
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Establishes and	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Partners with	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Establishes	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Contributes to	THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Facilitates
promotes positive interpersonal relationships.	school and community identification programs to ensure identification of students with	communication and serves as an effective liaison with school and community service providers.	educational and/or community committees and teams.	collaboration with others to create and/or maintain a multi-tiered continuum of services to support students.
	hearing needs.	Builds professional and personal trust and credibility with others.		students.
ELEMENT B: Audiolog	l gists advocate for students, f	0.1110121		
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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	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.
FI FMENT C. Audiolog	gists demonstrate leadership	school needs.	(a)	
ELEVIENT C: Audiolog	and	and	(S). and	and
THE AUDIOLOGIST: ☐ Identifies and supports state, regional, district and/or school goals and initiatives.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: ☐ Recognizes opportunities to develop leadership skills.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Takes advantage of opportunities to provide leadership to teams or other entities. □ Confers with administrators to improve working and student learning conditions.	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.

QUALITY STANDARD V Audiologists demonstrate collaboration, advocacy and leadership.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT D: Audiologists contribute knowledge and skills to educational practices and their profession.				
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: ☐ Shares expertise with colleagues.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Participates in decision-making processes.	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. Mentors and/or supervises other professionals or interns to facilitate their professional development.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Advocates for the inclusion of audiologists in education and government decision-making processes.
ELEMENT E: Audiologists demonstrate high ethical standards.				
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Maintains confidentiality of student records as required by law. Adheres to standards of professional practice.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Maintains confidentiality of student and colleague interactions as well as student and personal data.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Demonstrates ethical behavior, including honesty, integrity, fair treatment and respect for others.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Encourages colleagues to demonstrate ethical behavior. Expects ethical behavior on the part of students.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Models and sets expectations for ethical behavior for staff and/or students.
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