

## **COMMUNICATION SUPPORT NEEDS**

The resources below provide information and guidance on addressing the needs of students with unique or complex communication needs. This information is also available in the <u>Students with Disabilities Library</u> on the Louisiana Department of Education's website.

Tools for Developing Communication Plans	<ul> <li>The tools in this document are intended to guide Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams in:</li> <li>determining a student's current language and communication needs, and</li> <li>establishing an individualized communication plan for ensuring the student is able to fully participate in all aspects of his/her education. These tools are intended to be used for any student experiencing communication barriers as a result of his/her disability, including those who</li> <li>are classified as Deaf/Hard of Hearing or Deaf/Blind, or</li> <li>have limited or no verbal skills, or</li> <li>have other significant impairments in the areas of receptive and/or expressive language, including but not limited to impairments in the areas of apraxia, articulation/phonology, fluency, pragmatics, or auditory processing.</li> </ul>
Act 250 Guidance	This training deck provides an overview of the Louisiana Deaf Child Bill of Rights Act 250 (2015).
Communication Support Helpful Websites	This resource provides a description of and links to state and national resources focused on supports for individuals with unique or complex communication needs.