

## Community Support

The Humboldt-Del Norte SELPA DHH Program supports the local Deaf Community by sponsoring annual Christmas parties and family BBQ's.



## Field Trips

Students have community-based opportunities to connect with each other during our SELPA sponsored field trips.



## What is SELPA?

A **SELPA** is a Special Education Local Plan Area. We are a group of School Districts who - together - provide special education and related services for our students with disabilities.



The Humboldt-Del Norte SELPA serves 32 school districts in Humboldt and Del-Norte counties in the beauty of the Redwoods on the North Coast.



## Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program



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## About Us

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Specialists are credentialed by the state, most with graduate-level specialization in deaf and hard of hearing education. Many also hold multiple or single-subject teaching credentials. All of the teachers meet federal No Child Left Behind proficiency standards and are authorized to serve students who are English-language learners. The SELPA DHH Program Clerk supports the Education Specialists, ensures that all equipment is working properly, and provides equipment related training to students and staff.



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## Program Overview

The SELPA DHH Program serves individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing from 3 to 22 years old, with hearing loss ranging from mild to profound. The program offers a continuum of services based on student need and communication preferences. Students enrolled are in general education, resource, special day, preschool, or home-based programs; and receive SELPA DHH services in conjunction with their instruction. SELPA DHH services include assessment, self-advocacy instruction, consultation, and collaboration. The SELPA DHH team works in cooperation with audiologists, parents, school staff and community agencies to provide services.

### Infants and Preschoolers

DHH Early Start services are available through the Humboldt County Office of Education for children from birth until their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Preschool aged children are eligible for DHH itinerant teacher services.



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