

3525.2385 STATE INTERPRETER/TRANSLITERATOR STANDARDS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING.

Subpart 1. **Definitions.** The terms used in this part have the following meanings:

A. "Cued speech" means a system that visually presents traditionally spoken languages. Handshapes representing groups of consonant phonemes and hand placements denoting groups of vowel phonemes are utilized in combination with nonmanual signals to present a visually distinct model of a traditionally spoken language. Whether through the visual channel via cued speech, it is the choice, assembly, and arrangement of linguistic units called phonemes, that comprises and conveys the words and grammatical structure of languages that are spoken and languages that are cued.

B. "Interpreter/transliterator" means a person who is able to interpret or transliterate the spoken word into sign language and interpret sign language into the spoken word by American Sign Language (ASL), Pidgin Signed English (PSE), Manually Coded English (MCE), cued speech, voice, oral, or tactile modalities.

Subp. 2. **Special education reimbursement.** To be eligible for special education reimbursement for the employment of American Sign Language (ASL)/English interpreter/transliterator or cued speech transliterator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the school board in each district shall employ persons who meet the requirements in subpart 3 or 4.

Subp. 3. **Interpreter/transliterator.** To qualify as a sign language interpreter/transliterator, a person shall have completed a training program affiliated with a state accredited educational institution and hold:

A. an interpreter and transliterator certificate awarded by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID); or

B. a general level proficiency certificate at level 3 awarded by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD).

Subp. 4. **Cued speech transliterator.** To qualify as a cued speech transliterator, a person shall hold a current applicable transliterator certificate awarded by Testing, Evaluation and Certification Unit, Inc. (TECUnit).

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