



Section V:

State-Specific Educational Interpreting Guidelines

Does my state have specific certifications or qualifications established which sign language interpreters must demonstrate to work in a school setting? Which states require licensing to work as an educational interpreter? Is my district expected to follow certain guidelines to assure the appropriate use of my services as a sign language interpreter?

Every state is required to document the qualifications required of staff who work in their public schools. As you might guess, requirements, guidelines and supports for educational interpreters will vary from state to state. Your state may have a licensure required of working educational interpreters or perhaps simply guidelines for districts to follow in the hiring and supervision of interpreters working in their districts. Your state department of education is a good place to begin your search. Identifying and contacting the individual at your state department of education who is responsible for the education of deaf and hard of hearing students could be the first step to locating the K-12 resources and parameters in your state.

Educational interpreter state guidelines are available via internet search: "state name educational interpreter guidelines. Below is a sampling of some of the State Guidelines available.

RESOURCES

Colorado: http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/download/pdf/dhh_Interpreter_Hankdbook.pdf

Nebraska: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/SPED/schsupport/interp.pdf>

Educational Interpreter regulations by state- State standards for educational interpreters
<http://www.unco.edu/doi>

University of Northern Colorado – Distance Opportunities for Interpreter Training Center

Names of jobs that typically handle such issues at the state level:

Sampling of states:

<http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/DeafEd/index.asp>,

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/odhhs/links.shtml>