WELCOME TO PRACTICAL WAYS TO TEACH COMPENSATORY SKILLS

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What are Compensatory Skills?

Compensatory skills are those skills needed by deaf and hard of hearing students to access learning in a manner equal to that of their hearing peers.
What is the MN Compensatory Skills Checklist?

The Compensatory Skills Checklist was developed collaboratively by the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Itinerant Teachers from Minneapolis Public Schools, Saint Paul Public Schools, Independent School District 287 and the Minnesota Department of Human Services – Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services Division. This checklist was inspired by the work done through the Michigan State Board of Education, Special Education Program Outcomes Guide: Hearing Impairment. It was developed as a model for Itinerant teachers to use with hard of hearing students. However, it can be adapted to work with any population with a hearing loss. The checklist was revised by a workgroup of teachers of the deaf/hard-of-hearing convened by MDE in March, 2010.
What are the Components of the MN Compensatory Skills Checklist?

❖ Understanding Hearing Loss
❖ Amplification Management
❖ Resources/Technology
❖ Communication Strategies
❖ Personal/Interpersonal
Strategies and ideas for teaching Understanding Hearing Loss

Elementary:
- Teaching: visuals, personalize, speakers, mentors
- Games: word search, puzzles, Jenga, Crazy Uno, Ear Gear, Classroom Carryover

Secondary:
- Teaching: Speakers, role models, practical experience
- Games: Audiogram Mix Up, Follow the Sound, Youtube, Deaf Adult research project
Strategies and ideas for teaching Amplification Management

Elementary:
• Teaching: visuals, personalize, hands on practice
• Games: Hula Hoop Groups, Compare/Contrast w/ personal amplification, class presentation (inservice), role play, Ear Gear, Classroom Carryover

Secondary:
• Encourage independence, individualize, research
Strategies and Ideas for Teaching Resources/Technology

Elementary:
- Hands on (texting, CC, TTY, fire alarms, VP, FT, Instagram) Ear Gear
- Games: word search, puzzles, Jenga, Crazy Uno, Feely Meely, Classroom Carryover

Secondary:
- Time management, executive function, Keynote, Google Presentation, Study Blue, Quizlet
Strategies and Ideas for Teaching
Communication Strategies

Elementary:
• Name Draw (Compliments), role play scenarios, Expression Bingo, Body Language Charades, Classroom Carryover, Crazy Uno, Social Communication Games (WH Game, Go Fish, Guess Who (Communication Expansion), What Can I Say Instead?

Secondary:
• Encourage reg courses,
• Present IEP, Any Game w/prepared ?(Share ?) Social Skills Comics for Teens
Strategies and Ideas for Teaching Personal/Interpersonal Skills

Elementary:
- Hidden Rules (Youtube), Feeling Unit (magazines, Book of Feelings)
- Social Icebreakers, My Book of Feelings, My Hearing Loss, Social Skills Stories, Social Skills Curriculum
- Deaf & HH Children: Fostering Healthy Self Esteem, Little Book of Humor - Mary Baur, Feelings Bingo

Secondary:
- Related & unrelated to hearing loss, newspaper (current events, local happenings), Creating Social Books, 101 Ways to Teach Social Skills, Word Search for names, technology
List of Resources

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