Rubric for Evaluating Colorado's Specialized Service Professionals: Audiologists

Effective audiologists are vital members of the education team. They are properly credentialed and have the knowledge and skills necessary to facilitate equitable access and participation in school-related activities. Effective audiologists strive to support growth and development in the least restrictive environment, close achievement gaps and prepare diverse student populations for postsecondary and workforce success. Effective audiologists manage hearing assistance technology for students and educators and utilize evidence-based strategies to remove barriers to learning. They identify hearing loss and other auditory difficulties and they monitor, interpret and communicate the impact of hearing on listening, learning and academic growth. Effective audiologists provide services that are comprehensive and designed to address each student's individual academic, communication and psychosocial needs. They have a deep understanding of the interconnectedness of the home, school and community and collaborate with all members of the education team to strengthen those connections. Through reflection, advocacy and leadership, they enhance the academic achievement and personal/social development of their students.

QUALITY STANDARD Audiologists demonstrate		the domain for which they	are responsible.	
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
		e of current developmental s ional development of their s		learning takes place and
	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Applies knowledge of auditory, language and psychosocial development to practice. Demonstrates an understanding of communication systems and educational options for children with hearing loss. tists demonstrate knowledge eracy, math and other conte 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Assists others in understanding the auditory, linguistic and developmental factors that impact student learning. e of effective services and/o ont areas. 	 and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Demonstrate understanding of the impact of hearing on development and communication. 	 and STUDENTS: Make progress toward auditory, language and communication goals. tion that reduce barriers to
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Identifies barriers to learning, including those related to hearing and listening.	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Recommends interventions and adaptations that reduce barriers to learning and increase access to instruction. 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Utilizes a variety of strategies and resources to support communication and reduce barriers to student learning. 	 and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Identify barriers to hearing, communication, or learning. 	and STUDENTS: Demonstrate increased access to the instructional environment.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT C: Audiolog	ists integrate evidence-base	ed practices and research fir	dings into their services and	d/or specially designed
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Understands the concept and importance of using evidence-based audiological practices. ELEMENT D: Audiolog student achievement.	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides services that are consistent with current research and standards of practice. 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides recommendations, reports and information that reflect a connection between student data and evidence- based audiological practices. 	 and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Implement audiologist's information to improve access to and participation in the learning environment. of home, school and communication 	 and STUDENTS: Demonstrate benefit from audiologist's instruction and research-based services.
THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Recognizes the importance of home, school and community on the impact on student learning.	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Utilizes community and school resources to support student needs. Makes appropriate educational and community referrals. 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Differentiates and integrates relevant past and present health, social and family history. Serves as an educational liaison for students and collaborates with community providers. 	 and STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Utilize support from community and school resources. 	 and STUDENTS: Experience a continuum of support from family, school and community.
 ELEMENT E: Audiolog THE AUDIOLOGIST: Is knowledgeable about state and national educational audiology standards of practice. 	 ists demonstrate knowledge and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides services to ensure that students with auditory difficulties are identified, properly evaluated and managed. 	 e of and expertise in their provides and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides audiology expertise to educational teams and families. 	ofession. and STUDENTS: □ Access free and appropriate educational audiology services.	 and STUDENTS: Receive services that meet Educational Audiology Standards of Practice.

QUALITY STANDARD I Audiologists demonstrate mastery of and expertise in the domain	a for which they are responsible
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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Audiolog relationship with caring ad		ble learning environments ir	n which each student has a p	positive, nurturing
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Understands how to provide students with a safe and accessible environment.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Supports a learning environment focusing on communication access.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Facilitates a learning environment that promotes acceptance of hearing loss and hearing loss and	 STUDENTS: ☐ Make progress toward developing positive self- concepts. 	STUDENTS: Can communicate with their peers, teachers and other in their environment.
		 hearing technology. Nurtures student self-concept. 		Express their need related to hearing, technology and/or learning.

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ELEMENT B: Audiolog	gists demonstrate respect for	diversity within the home,	school and local and globa	l communities.
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Respects the diverse background of students and their families.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Uses tools, assessments and materials that are culturally appropriate.	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides unbiased information regarding hearing loss, communication options, educational programming and technology options. Demonstrates sensitivity to cultural differences within family systems including deaf culture. 	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Demonstrate respect for each other and the audiologist.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Engage in respectful and oper- dialogue with each other and the audiologist.
ELEMENT C: Audiolog	gists engage students as unio	que individuals with diverse	backgrounds, interests, stre	engths and needs.
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Treats students as individuals.	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Makes recommendations and/or referrals based on unique needs of students. Delivers services or assessments appropriate to the developmental, receptive and expressive abilities of students. 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Utilizes procedures and tools that specifically address individual educational and referral concerns. Dynamically adapts to the behavioral level of the child. 	 and STUDENTS: Participate in services which take into account their unique backgrounds, interests and needs. 	 and STUDENTS: □ Feel valued as individuals.

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			inication and work collabor	atively with students,
tamilies and other signific	ant adults and/or professior	als.	and	and
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Fosters an environment that is inviting to students, families and significant adults.	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Uses appropriate communication supports (interpreters and translators). Provides verbal and written information that is clear and understandable to the listener. 	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Partners with families and significant adults to help students meet education goals. Counsels students, families and staff regarding the educational impact of hearing loss and other auditory difficulties in a relevant manner. 	 STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Actively participate in the education process. Seek the audiologist's assistance when needed. 	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Communicate effectively with th audiologist.
	time and appropriate behavi		vironments characterized b	y acceptable student
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THE AUDIOLOGIST:	THE AUDIOLOGIST:	THE AUDIOLOGIST:	STUDENTS:	STUDENTS:
Has strategies to guide students' behavior during assessment or service provision.	Structures assessments or services to minimize interruption of instructional time.	 Makes maximum use of service provision time. Maintains a safe and orderly environment. 	Stay on task in the learning environment.	Participate actively in the learning environment.
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	gists provide services and/c c standards, their districts' c			
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: ☐ Is knowledgeable about the federal and state laws, local policies and the Colorado Standards of Practice.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Adheres to legal requirements such as state screening laws and special education procedures. Completes evaluations and reports for students with identified hearing loss within mandated time limits.	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Determines eligibility for special education in accordance with state law. Actively participates in the development of student plans as a member of the educational team. 	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Demonstrate an understanding of the services or instruction provided by the audiologist.	STUDENTS: Demonstrate benefit from having equal access to the learning environment.
ELEMENT B: Audiolo services and/or specially	<u> </u>			I
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 THE AUDIOLOGIST: ☐ Selects appropriate protocols of assessment and data-collection. ☐ Utilizes multiple sources of data. 	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Provides assessments that are targeted to educational and communication needs of student. Conducts various levels of evaluation such as screening, observation, interview and/or functional	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Uses, analyzes and interprets results from a comprehensive assortment of audiological tests. Integrates traditional audiometric data with functional assessment data. 	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Participate willingly and understand the purpose of formal and informal assessments.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Understand the abilities of the student and how the student is impacted in the learning environment.

QUALITY STANDARD III

Audiologists plan, deliver and/or monitor services and/or specially designed instruction and/or create environments that facilitate learning for their students.

Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
practices related to student			
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Collects multiple data points and a body of evidence to monitor student progress or determine present level of functioning.	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Analyzes and integrates audiological data in conjunction with other discipline- specific information to plan services. Monitors effectiveness of services and makes changes as needed. 	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Set individual goals for students based on audiologist's data and recommendations.	STUDENTS: Develop skills and/or receive services which enable them to access and participate in the learning environment.
gists support and integrate a student outcomes.	appropriate available technological and the second se	logy in their services and/	or specially designed
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Abides by guidelines for the fitting, evaluation, use and monitoring of hearing assistance technology.	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Uses a variety of methods to ensure that personal and hearing assistance technology is optimally fit and functioning. Supports significant adults in 	 STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Understand the importance of utilizing hearing technology. Can perform basic troubleshooting. 	STUDENTS: Demonstrate improved auditor access using equipment that functions on a consistent basis.
	gists plan and consistently of practices related to student tals. THE AUDIOLOGIST: Collects multiple data points and a body of evidence to monitor student progress or determine present level of functioning. gists support and integrate a student outcomes and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Abides by guidelines for the fitting, evaluation, use and monitoring of hearing assistance 	Partually Protectent (Meets State Standard) gists plan and consistently deliver services and/or spector practices related to student needs, learning and progress als. and and and THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Analyzes and integrates audiological data in conjunction with other discipline- specific information to plan services. □ Monitors determine present level of functioning. □ Monitors effectiveness of services and makes changes as needed. and and THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Monitors and functioning. and and and THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Abides by guidelines for the fitting, evaluation, use and monitoring of hearing assistance technology. and □ Uses a variety of methods to ensure that personal and hearing assistance technology is optimally fit and functioning.	Partually Proficient (Meets State Standard) Accomplished gists plan and consistently deliver services and/or specially designed instruction to practices related to student needs, learning and progress toward achieving acader als. and and and and and and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Analyzes and integrates audiological data in conjunction with other discipline-specific information to plan services. Set individual goals for students based on audiologist's data and recommendations. gists support and integrate appropriate available technology in their services and/makes changes as needed. Students or services and/makes changes as needed. THE AUDIOLOGIST: Monitors effectiveness of services and makes changes as needed. and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Uses a variety of methods to ensure that personal and hearing assistance technology is optimally fit and functioning. Students or succes of utilizing hearing technology is optimally fit and functioning.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Accomplished	Exemplary
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	gists establish and commun ocacy, leadership and prob		their students that support	the development of
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Has high expectations for all students. ELEMENT F: Audiolog	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Encourages significant adults, families and/or students to set high expectations for student outcome and growth.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Considers or assesses students' self-advocacy and problem-solving skills to plan services. Collaborates with students or significant adults to promote self- advocacy skills of students. ely with students.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: On their own or in collaboration with audiologist can explain hearing, communication or technology to others.	STUDENTS: Advocate for self in listening and communication needs.
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Establishes rapport with students.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Explains audiologic findings and/or provides feedback to students when appropriate.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Collaborates with students and staff to ensure that students and/or caregivers understand hearing, listening and learning needs.	STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Demonstrate knowledge of the student's hearing difficulty and unique needs.	STUDENTS: Feel and/or appear comfortable interacting with the audiologist and advocating for their needs.
ELEMENT G: Audiolo		ment services and/or special		
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Understands classroom acoustics and its	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Acts as a resource for classroom acoustics 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Delivers services in accordance with district policy for 	 and STUDENTS: Access instruction in an environment that is acoustically appropriate to the 	 and STUDENTS: Demonstrate increased academic participation from an acoustically

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QUALITY STANDARD	IV			
Audiologists reflect on the Basic	eir practice. Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard) malyze student learning, dev	Accomplished velopment and growth and a	Exemplary apply what they learn to
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Understands how student learning occurs and how	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Dialogues with colleagues to make connections 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Applies knowledge of hearing ability, student learning, 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Actively investigates new ideas to enhance 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Based on analyses of data, applies and evaluates new and
hearing impacts student learning.	between school and classroom data and research-based practices.	development and growth to accommodation plans and environmental and	practices that improve student outcomes. □ Monitors and	innovative strategies for continuous improvement of professional
	Collects and analyzes student data to inform practice.	instructional strategies.	evaluates professional practices to determine what works for students.	practice.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT B: Audiolog	sists link professional growt		S.	
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Completes required professional development.	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Applies knowledge and skills learned through professional development to audiology practice. Uses performance feedback from supervisor and/or colleagues to improve practice. 	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Develops professional goals based on the likelihood of having a positive impact on student learning, alignment with relevant standards, current research and student needs.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Develops and follows a long-term professional development plan.	THE AUDIOLOGIST ☐ Gathers data from students, families and colleagues to assess long-term professional development goals and modifies as needed.
ELEMENT C: Audiolog	gists respond to complex, dy	namic environments.		
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Understands that the learning environment is complex and dynamic.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Scans the learning environment for changes that influence practice.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Demonstrates flexibility, shifting priorities and activities, based on changes in the learning environment.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Assists colleagues in being responsive to changes in the learning environment.	THE AUDIOLOGIST Expands role to incorporate different or more comprehensive responsibilities as needed.
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QUALITY STANDARD V Audiologists demonstrate collaboration, advocacy and leadership.									
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary					
ELEMENT A: Audiolog	gists collaborate with internation	al and external stakeholders	to meet the needs of studer	nts.					
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: □ Establishes and promotes positive interpersonal relationships.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Partners with school and community identification programs to ensure identification of students with hearing needs.	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Establishes communication and serves as an effective liaison with school and community service providers. Builds professional and personal trust and credibility with others. 	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Contributes to educational and/or community committees and teams.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Facilitates collaboration with others to create and/or maintain a multi-tiered continuum of services to support students.					
ELEMENT B: Audiolog	gists advocate for students, f								
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: Understands the need to advocate for students, families and schools.	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Participates in activities designed to improve policies and/or procedures that affect student learning. Reaches out to students, families and the community in order to understand their needs. 	 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Contributes to and/or participates in task forces and committees to advocate for students. Discusses potential revisions to policies and/or procedures with colleagues in order to better address student and school needs. 	 STUDENTS AND/OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Give feedback or offer suggestions to the audiologist. Recognize practices that improve access to learning. 	<pre>STUDENTS OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: □ Advocate for students' needs.</pre>					
ELEMENT C: Audiologists demonstrate leadership in their educational setting(s).									
THE AUDIOLOGIST: Identifies and supports state, regional, district and/or school goals and initiatives.	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Recognizes opportunities to develop leadership skills. 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Takes advantage of opportunities to provide leadership to teams or other entities. Confers with administrators to improve working and student learning conditions. 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Initiates and leads collaborative activities to share ideas to improve student outcomes, contribute to goals and support struggling students. 	 and THE AUDIOLOGIST: Participates in activities beyond those expected of all audiologists or other Specialized Services Professionals. 					

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ELEMENT D: Audiolo	gists contribute knowledge		/	tices and their profession.	
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THE AUDIOLOGIST: ☐ Shares expertise with colleagues.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Participates in decision-making processes.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Serves as an active member of teams to support educational practices and the audiology profession.		THE AUDIOLOGIST: Leads professional development or training activities whenever possible. Mentors and/or supervises other professionals or interns to facilitate their professional development.	THE AUDIOLOGIST Advocates for the inclusion of audiologists in education and government decision-making processes.
ELEMENT E: Audiolo	gists demonstrate high ethic	al standards			
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 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Maintains confidentiality of student records as required by law. Adheres to standards of professional practice. 	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Maintains confidentiality of student and colleague interactions as well as student and personal data.	THE AUDIOLOGIST: Demonstrates ethical behavior, including honesty, integrity, fair treatment and respect for others.		 THE AUDIOLOGIST: Encourages colleagues to demonstrate ethical behavior. Expects ethical behavior on the part of students. 	THE AUDIOLOGIST Models and sets expectations for ethical behavior fo staff and/or students.
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