

## **Hearing Aids and External Components of Surgically Implanted Medical Devices**

The Frazier School District ensures that hearing aids and external components of surgically implanted medical devices for students with disabilities are properly maintained through the assistance of Intermediate Unit #1.

Intermediate Unit 1 has a full-time educational audiologist who provides diagnostic services, consultation, prescriptions for state of the art amplification devices (i.e., hearing aids, FM systems, sound field systems, etc.) and general consultation to constituents within Washington, Greene, and Fayette Counties. In summary, the responsibilities of the audiologist can be grouped into the following categories:

- Hearing conservation
- Identification of hearing loss
- Assessment of hearing loss and other abilities
- Amplification and other assistive technology
- Educational planning and support
- Direct habilitative and rehabilitative services
- Family support
- Staff training
- Conduct functional listening evaluation
- Complete assessment for Central Auditory Processing Disorders

The District's LEA assists with ongoing communication between IU #1 Hearing Support Teacher and the Audiologist involved with the student. Intermediate Unit #1's Hearing Impaired Teacher and Audiologist work together when the IU Audiologist is setting up the amplification system (FM System) for the student's classroom. The LEA assures that communication continues on the student's use of the FM System and the wearing of their hearing aids. When possible, repairs are made by Intermediate Unit #1 yearly.

The District's School Nurse is aware of all students with a hearing loss. Extra batteries and other tools needed for individual hearing aids and cochlear implants are in the office. The LEA maintains collaboration between IU#1's Hearing Support Teacher, the FSD Classroom Teacher, Guidance Counselor and Administration concerning the student's academic and equipment needs.