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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Professional Organizations and Agencies

Route To: Child Study Team Supervisors, Directors of Special Education, Administrators of Programs for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

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Transition Toolkit for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

In an effort to assist IEP teams in meeting the needs of students who are deaf or hard of hearing, the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education and the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, a division of the New Jersey Department of Labor, formed a workgroup of experts in the field of deaf education and employment to generate a set of skills and competencies for students to develop in preparation for postsecondary education and/or employment. The workgroup developed resources that can be found at on the NJDOE's [Transition Toolkit](#) for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing webpage.

Resources include:

- The New Jersey Skills and Competencies Checklist for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- A Glossary of key terms
- Resources and Informational Websites to Assist New Jersey Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in Achieving Positive Postsecondary Outcomes

For questions regarding the Transition Toolkit for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, please email the Coordinator of Deaf Education at dhh.education@doe.nj.gov.

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