



SJSU Children's Hearing Screening Program: Preschool – First Grade

The goal of the SJSU Voluntary Hearing Screening Program is to provide a needed service to the community. Early identification of hearing loss is an important factor in a child's development of speech and language.

San José State University (SJSU) students, from the Connie L. Lurie College of Education, supervised by a licensed, certified Audiologist, are taught the specific skills to evaluate children's hearing. Our students will come to your facility and test the children in the environment in which the children already feel comfortable. SJSU students are trained to ensure that the results are valid indicators of the child's hearing and not simply due to the child trying to please the evaluator. SJSU students are taught a variety of testing measures to address children at specific age ranges and levels of development. They are able to work with multicultural and ESL populations to ensure the accuracy of the test for all students.

In addition to the hearing screening, the students bring otoscopes to look in the children's ears, and equipment that evaluates the status of the middle ear. As a result of our careful procedures, if a child does not pass the hearing screening that day, we have sufficient information to make a precise recommendation.

We believe that early detection of possible hearing loss can lead to early and effective intervention to promote academic and social success for the developing child.

If you have questions or would like to book a visit, please feel free to send an email to evelyn.merritt@sjsu.edu.

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