

An Introduction to Northern Voices



Hear the possibilities...



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Parents dream that their children will reach their full potential. At Northern Voices, those dreams become reality. Through early, specialized intervention, children with hearing loss learn to use listening and spoken language to find their own voices.

Northern Voices is a center for young children with hearing loss that enables students to communicate through the use of listening and spoken language, and helps families to prepare their children to reach their full potential.

Today's remarkable technologies are able to maximize access to sound, making it possible to effectively develop spoken language even for children with severe to profound hearing loss. These technologies range from digital hearing aids and cochlear implants to FM systems and Bluetooth®. However, since hearing aids and cochlear implants do not restore normal hearing, appropriate therapy to stimulate the development

of speech and language skills is critical. Research indicates that there are significant communication benefits when children are enrolled in early intervention programs by six months of age.

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We believe that children with hearing loss are happiest and most fulfilled when they share a language with their families. We believe families

should have a choice in the communication modality of their children. The spoken language approach is an educational choice that is right for many families. Our goal is to provide a center of excellence to open the door of spoken communication.

Northern Voices serves young children with hearing loss, from infancy through preschool, by providing a unique educational setting; a specialized, research-based intervention process; individualized, supportive instruction; and highly trained faculty. Our teachers include speech-language pathologists, teachers of the deaf/hard-of-hearing and specialists in early childhood education.

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- is the only nonprofit school in Minnesota offering children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing a program for listening and spoken language.
- is a Moog Curriculum school.
- is accredited by the North Central Association of Schools.
- serves students from throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area, greater Minnesota and neighboring regions across the Upper Midwest.
- maintains an open enrollment policy throughout the year.
- is supported through program fees from independent school districts and parents, as well as foundation grants and individual contributions.

Northern Voices seeks to provide all of our students, regardless of income or background, with the skills they need to be fully integrated into mainstream school settings as early as possible. In many cases, a child's home public school district will pay the cost of attending Northern Voices. Where assistance from the school district is not available or parents choose not to seek it, the program fee is based on ability to pay and an affordable monthly payment schedule is arranged. We are committed to ensuring that each and every student is provided with the best opportunity to achieve lifelong success.

Northern Voices enables students to find their voices, develop listening skills, share language, and experience the joys of self-expression and social interaction. We believe that each child should have an opportunity to meet his or her full potential. We strive to provide children with a warm, supportive environment full of opportunities and laughter.

Listening and spoken language is a choice for families of children with hearing loss. Kids with hearing loss can learn to listen and talk. **We invite you to come in and hear the possibilities...**



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