

Assisted Listening Devices in the Classroom

One of the students registered for your class may have a hearing loss and will be using a special piece of equipment called an Assistive Listening Device (ALD). The current brand/model we use here at MSJC, is a William Sound System.

The ALD has a small microphone that we will ask you to wear clipped to your shirt or jacket. The microphone is plugged into a small transmitter, the size of a pager, which you can put in your pocket or clip to your clothes.

The microphone will transmit your voice directly to the student's receiver by using FM radio waves. The ALD does not amplify the sound for the rest of the class. The student wears a headset or uses hearing aids and a receiver. Many students find that using the ALD enables them to hear your lecture much clearer than without this system. However, the student will only be able to hear your voice and will not hear the comments of other students, so it is important to restate questions from classmates. For small group discussions, you may want to try passing the microphone to each speaker. Always feel free to check in privately with your student regarding the effectiveness of communication and the best ways for her/him to participate.

The microphone has an "on/off" switch. If you wish to speak privately to another student, simply turn the microphone off, and then turn it back on when you are ready to resume class.

There is a red light to let you know when the microphone is on. The student will bring you the microphone and transmitter at the beginning of each class session, and retrieve it at the end of class.

We appreciate your cooperation. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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