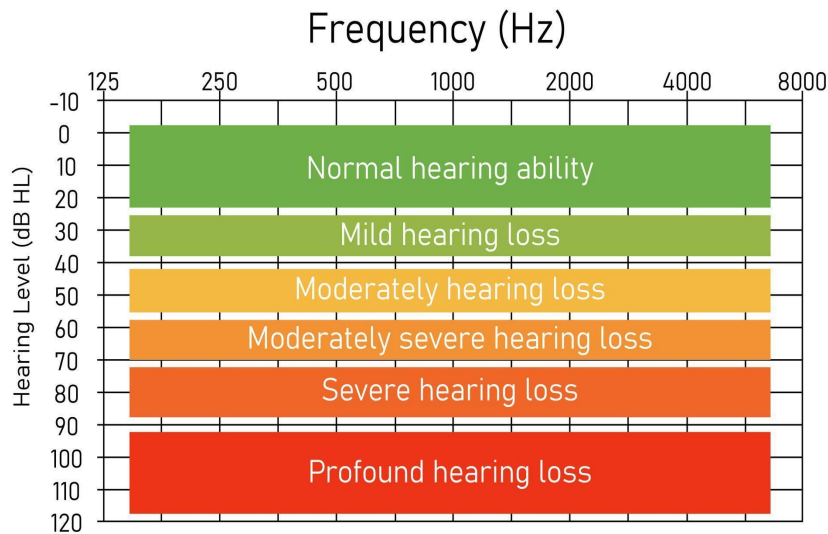


Audiology Screening Guidelines

Hillcrest Educational Centers' nursing departments conduct routine audiological screenings for our residential students each year. If the results obtained by the licensed nurse are outside of the normal range, the students' Pediatrician will be contacted, to then obtain a referral to an otolaryngologist/ENT for further assessment and evaluation.



Interpretation

0-20dB/HL - Normal hearing ability.

20-25dB/HL - Normal hearing ability, but may be in a noisy environment, or mild ear wax impaction.

25-35dB/HL - Mild hearing loss, greater than ear wax impaction. The nurse will then visually assess the inner ear using an Otoscope, to determine if a round of Debrox is appropriate before calling the Pediatrician.

*If the above intervention does not work, the nurse will contact the student's Pediatrician to obtain referral to specialist.

Greater than 40dB/HL - Moderate/severe hearing loss. The nurse will then visually assess the inner ear using an Otoscope, to determine if a round of Debrox is appropriate before calling the Pediatrician.

*If the above intervention does not work, the nurse will contact the student's Pediatrician to obtain referral to specialist.