

Auditory Outreach Summer Update

2026

Another School Year in the Books!

As June comes to a close, we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the teachers of the Deaf and hard of hearing, school teams, audiologists, administrators, families, and students we have had the pleasure of working with this year. Whether we've connected through equipment loans, consultations, webinars, troubleshooting, student groups, or the occasional "help, my receiver isn't connecting!" email, we are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you. We hope your summer includes a healthy balance of sunshine, relaxation, family time, and absolutely no urgent technology malfunctions.

Job Posting!

Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (0.4 FTE)

Auditory Outreach anticipates a **0.4 FTE Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** posting coming soon. If you or someone you know may be interested, please reach out to lora.baker@sd47.bc.ca so we can let you know when the official posting becomes available.

Summer Hours & Equipment Requests

Yes, we're still here!

Auditory Outreach remains open throughout the summer and continues to accept equipment requests.

A few summer reminders:

- ✓ We operate with reduced staffing and office hours during July and August.
- ✓ Processing times may be longer than during the school year.

✓ Equipment requests received over the summer that are being shipped directly to schools will generally be sent during the **last week of August or first week of September**. Please indicate your preference on the request form.

✓ We no longer provide “summer maintenance” on equipment that is working well. Please store the equipment safely at the school over the summer unless it is not working properly, in which case you submit a [Technical Service Form](#).

✓ For students moving to a different school district or independent school, we require a [Return form](#) from the current school and a new [Equipment Request](#) Form and [Permission to Share](#) form from the new school/ district.

Planning ahead helps us ensure students have what they need for a successful start to the school year.

Roger Focus Upgrade Available

Do you have students using the **original Roger Focus**?

Good news! Students with the original Roger Focus are eligible to upgrade to the **Roger Focus II**.

Simply submit an **Equipment Exchange Form** and we'll take care of the rest.



Cochlear Connections Club

Help Us Build Next Year's Group!

Do you have a student with a cochlear implant who would benefit from connecting with other CI users from around British Columbia?

We're now creating our list for the **2026–2027 Cochlear Connections Club**.

Please email lora.baker@sd47.bc.ca to add interested students.

Students should be:

- ✓ 10 years of age or older
- ✓ Able to participate in virtual sessions
- ✓ Comfortable communicating using spoken and/or written language
- ✓ Interested in meeting other students with cochlear implants

We provide live captioning for all sessions, however ASL interpretation is not available.

This year's group was a highlight for our staff and for the students! Here's what they said: "Can't wait for next year!". "I'll miss you all this summer". "It has been so great getting to know other kids with CIs"

Kindergarten Equipment Requests Are Open

We are now accepting equipment requests for students entering **Kindergarten in Fall 2026**.

Submitting requests early helps ensure:

- ◆ Audiologists have sufficient time to validate equipment recommendations
- ◆ Equipment can be prepared and shipped before school begins
- ◆ Students have access to technology from Day One

Early requests = fewer September surprises for everyone.

New Roger 21 Colours Have Arrived!

The Roger 21 now comes in several new colour options: Sand, Black, Nordic Grey, and Anthracite (dark grey).

When submitting equipment requests, please indicate your student's preferred colour.



Summer Wishes from the Auditory Outreach Team

Your reward for reading to the end is my latest cheesy joke:

Why did the receiver break up with the transmitter? *Because they were having trouble connecting!* 😊

Thank you for another wonderful year of supporting students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing across BC. We look forward to connecting with you again in September!

The Auditory Outreach Team