

Dear Parent,

Thank you for choosing Audiology Fort McMurray  
([www.audiologyfortmac.com](http://www.audiologyfortmac.com)) for the APD evaluation of your child.

**Please ensure that your child meets the eligibility criteria that are in the list below.** We look forward to seeing you at the assessment appointment.

Sincerely;



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### Eligibility Guidelines for Assessment of Auditory Processing

- **Child is seven years of age or older.**
- **Normal hearing in both ears.**
  - Spoken information is received by the ears first and then sent to the brain where auditory processing occurs. The spoken information will be affected by the hearing loss before it gets to the brain, so it is not possible to separate the effects of the hearing impairment from the effects of auditory processing on the overall processing of spoken language.
- **English language skills are sufficient to understand the verbal test instructions and provide intelligible verbal responses which allow for adequate test scoring.**

- If English language competency is in question, the child should be referred to a speech-language pathologist prior to referral for auditory processing assessment.
- **Does not present with a higher-order language or cognitive deficit.**  
e.g., Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome.
  - Spoken information is received by the ears first and then sent to the brain where auditory processing occurs. At brain level, auditory processing occurs first and then language processing and comprehension so it is not possible to separate the effects of higher-order language or cognitive deficits from the effects of auditory processing on the overall processing of spoken language.
- **Cognitive assessment completed within the past three years with results comparable to WISC full scale score of 80+. Test results must accompany the referral.**
  - Verbal Comprehension Index of 80 or higher is acceptable when Full Scale IQ is below 80, but not less than \_\_\_\_.
  - General Ability Index score of 80 or higher is acceptable when examiner states that Full Scale IQ may be an underestimate.
  - Auditory processing test results cannot be interpreted without IQ scores because all normative data is collected on children with average or better cognitive ability.
  - The indexes in the cognitive assessment are also helpful in determining an auditory processing disorder profile and making appropriate recommendations for the child.
- **ADHD, anxiety disorders, and ODD are managed to a degree not expected to interfere with test performance.**