AVA'S CHEAT SHEET

2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Usher syndrome is one of the leading causes of deaf-blindness that affects hearing, vision and balance. Every person with Usher syndrome progresses at different rates.

Ava’s Team
(Insert names/emails for all members)

- Me
- Mom & Dad
- Case Manager
- Classroom Teacher
- Paraprofessional
- Intervener
- Teacher of the Deaf (TOD)
- Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI)
- Orientation & Mobility Instructor (O&M)

What you should know
While I receive benefit from my cochlear implants and communicate verbally I still struggle to hear. Using my FM System is important to me. I love to learn and don’t want to miss out on what you are saying so I may need you to repeat things. Sometimes I may need materials made visually accessible, but not always. I love to play sports and read! Please don’t be afraid to ask questions.

The A’s of Ava
- Avid reader
- Always a competitor
- Athlete
- Artist
- Advocate
- Anything is possible

What Works
- Having access to my FM system
- Extra time when needed
- Wait time
- Repetition
- Adapted Materials
- Access to my toolbox
- Working as a team

Toolbox
- Cochlear Implants
- FM System
- Cane

Life doesn’t have to be perfect to be wonderful

Remote Learning
Virtual
- Mute all microphones
- Raise hand
- Closed Captioning Services (CART)
- American Sign Language (ASL)—if appropriate
- Restate questions from peers
- Links/Resources in chat pod
- Copies of all transcripts

In person
- Environmental descriptions/maps
- One way traffic if possible
- Contrast signs/announcements
- Clear masks for staff
- CART

For helpful links and to learn more visit www.avasvoice.org

The mission of Ava's Voice is to empower youth with Usher syndrome and to educate families and school communities. This template is a resource that can be used as a quick reference to meet the needs of a child receiving special education services.