

# AVA'S CHEAT SHEET

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.

For helpful links and to learn more visit  
[www.avasvoice.org](http://www.avasvoice.org)

## The A's of Ava

- Avid reader
- Always a competitor
- Athlete
- Artist
- Advocate
- Anything is possible



*Life doesn't have to be perfect to be wonderful*

## 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

## 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

