**MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Mary’s School for the Deaf is committed to providing equitable access to exemplary educational programs that prepare deaf students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who are productive members of society.

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**SMSD INFORMATION**

- SMSD follows New York State regulations and standards
- 1st academic high school for the Deaf
- Educating students for over 163 years
- All students follow an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Language Rich Environment (LRE)
- Small structured classes
- SMSD is a Child First School

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**St. Mary’s School for the Deaf**

**Social Media**

**Address**
2253 Main St. Buffalo NY 14214

**Website**
www.smsdk12.org

**Facebook**
St. Mary’s School for the Deaf

**Twitter**
@SMSDBuffalo

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**For More Info & to Tour SMSD**

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If your child failed his or her newborn hearing screening, schedule a follow-up appointment with us.

If your child needs or already has a hearing device, schedule a tour to learn about school.

If your child is having a hard time communicating, we can help them using whatever mode of communication you wish.

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ABOUT SMSD

WHO DO WE SERVE?
Age
• Birth to 21 years of age
• Children with a hearing loss
• Children with multiple disabilities
• Language/communication deficiencies
• Children with communication deficits

DIPOMAS & CREDENTIALS
Regents Diploma
• College readiness
CDOS (Career Development & Occupational Studies Credential)
• Work readiness credential
SACC (Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential)
• Credential for students with severe disabilities

PROGRAMS

Total Communication (TC)
Use of Sign Language
Who
• For children birth to 21 yrs of age
What
• Total communication is using any and all forms of communication including but not limited to sign language, verbal speech, pictures, visuals, gestures and communication devices to communicate.
Sign Language
• Sign language classes for family and friends of enrolled students

EARS (Auditory-Oral)
Educational & Auditory Resources for Sound ~ No use of Sign Language
Who
• For children Birth to Kindergarten
What
• Teaches children to listen and speak through oral education.
Listening & Spoken Language Approach
• This approach uses children's natural communication.
• Auditory verbal techniques are provided to the parents in an auditory verbal therapy session.

SERVICES

RELATED SERVICES (All)
• Audiology ~ Counseling ~ OT ~ PT ~ Orientation & Mobility ~ Skilled Nursing ~ Speech ~ Transition ~ Vision

PARENT EDUCATION
• Sign Language Classes
• Home Support

AFTER SCHOOL (Ages 5-21)
• Athletics; Competitive/Non-Competitive ~ Therapeutic After School ~ Tutoring

RESIDENTIAL - (Ages 5-21)
• Students have the option to live on campus Monday - Thursday
• Overnight nursing & support staff

SUMMER SCHOOL (If Eligible)
• 6 week program in July & Aug