At MSD, we empower students with a positive deaf identity and give them the knowledge and skills necessary to become productive citizens.
Established in 1854, the Mississippi School for the Deaf (MSD) is the state’s official school for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. MSD offers a direct approach to education by utilizing a communication mode easily accessible to all students. This approach provides instruction via American Sign Language and English—which in turn opens doors to their full capacity for academic excellence.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
MSD’s high quality educational services are available to students at no cost:

- bilingual instruction
- state-of-the-art technology
- small class sizes
- athletic opportunities
- early intervention services
- on-site 24 hour nursing staff
- comprehensive assessments
- residential education

SKI*HI EARLY INTERVENTION
BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD
SKI*HI Early Intervention program is available to young children as well as their family. A certified parent advisor will provide services during weekly in-home visits. The earlier a child learns to communicate, the better his or her chances are for success.

- early intervention services on a statewide level
- establishment of meaningful, two-way communication
- parents become active partners in the educational development of their child

EDUCATION
Deaf and hard of hearing students flourish when educated in a language-rich environment designed specifically to meet their communication, language, and educational needs. We lay the foundation for success in literacy, career/work and life skills.

PREK | AGES 3-5
- follows early childhood education requirements set forth by the state of Mississippi while incorporating bilingual strategies and ideals
- intensive curriculum of pre-reading, pre-math, science and social studies
- Bilingual Early Education Program
- Signacy and Oracy Labs

EDUCATION
- bilingual instruction
- state-of-the-art technology
- small class sizes
- athletic opportunities

SECONDARY | 6TH - 12TH GRADE
- offers the same curriculum and high standards as all Mississippi public schools
- language arts, math, science, social studies and physical ed
- support services include speech therapy, audiological services, counseling, occupational therapy and physical therapy

- three different graduation options:
  1) Standard High School Diploma
  2) Occupational Diploma
  3) Certificate of Completion as mandated by the Mississippi Department of Education

CAREER TRAINING
- CTE (Career Technology Education) programs that prepare students to enter a variety of workforce opportunities
- top-notch CTE labs with excellent learning environments

ATHLETIC PROGRAM
Balanced with the MSD academic program, athletics provide our students with opportunities to compete in team and individual sports on a national level.

- opportunity to excel in sports by making communication accessible at all times
- 1A in football, basketball, volleyball and track
- In addition to physical sports, MSD’s academic team has competed in the High School Academic Bowl for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students for almost 20 years

We invite you to visit our campus and see our proactive approach to learning!