

## Attachment B: Attestations

Following are the Principles of Auditory-Verbal Education. Commitment to these principles is required for certification as a LSLS Certified Auditory-Verbal Educator. If you agree with the principles, please sign indicating your commitment. If you have questions, please contact the Academy.

1. Promote early diagnosis of hearing loss in infants, toddlers and young children, followed by immediate audiologic assessment and use of appropriate state of the art hearing technology to ensure maximum benefits of auditory stimulation.
2. Promote immediate audiology management and development of listening and spoken language for children as their primary mode of communication.
3. Create and maintain acoustically controlled environments that support listening and talking for the acquisition of spoken language throughout the child's daily activities.
4. Guide and coach parents<sup>1</sup> to become effective facilitators of their child's listening and spoken language development in all aspects of the child's life.
5. Provide effective teaching with families and children in settings such as homes, classrooms, therapy rooms, hospitals or clinics.
6. Provide focused and individualized instruction to the child through lesson plans and classroom activities while maximizing listening and spoken language.
7. Collaborate with parents and professionals to develop goals, objectives and strategies for achieving the natural developmental patterns of audition, speech, language, cognition and communication.
8. Promote each child's ability to self-monitor spoken language through listening.
9. Use diagnostic assessments to develop individualized objectives, to monitor progress and to evaluate the effectiveness of the teaching activities.
10. Promote education in regular classrooms with peers who have typical hearing, as early as possible, when the child has the skills to do so successfully.

<sup>1</sup>The term "parents" also includes grandparents, relatives, guardians and any caregivers who interact with the child.

I am committed to and practice according to the above principles.

Signature of Professional

Seeking Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the AG Bell Academy Principles of Professional Behavior and Academy Rules of Conduct in its entirety prior to providing your signature to the below attestation. Each of these documents can be found in the AG Bell Academy Certification Handbook.

I have read the AG Bell Academy Principles of Professional Behavior and Rules of Conduct in its entirety and am committed to practice according to these principles as indicated.

Signature of Professional

Seeking Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_