Guidelines for Appropriate HAT Use In Classrooms with Older Students

Scenario	Equipment to Use	Who Should Use the Microphone
Lecture	Soundfield/CADS*; Personal Systems	Teacher
Class Discussion	Soundfield/CADS; Personal Systems	Pass the microphones to each speaker.
Giving directions prior to independent or small group work	Soundfield/CADS; Personal Systems	Teacher
Small Group Work: 1 student with hearing loss	Personal Systems	Pass among the other members of the student's group as they take turns talking.
Small Group Work: Multiple students with hearing loss all synched or connected to the same frequency or network	If students with hearing loss are in the same group, use the personal system. If not, do not use either system.	If the students are in the same group: Pass among the other members of the student's group as they take turns talking.
Small Groups: Multiple students with hearing loss all synched or connected to different frequencies/ networks	Personal system with multiple transmitters***	Pass between the leader and participants in the students' groups as they take turns talking.
School Assembly or Special Visitor	Personal system; Soundfield/CADS or school PA system	Pass between speakers.
Giving directions for written tests	Soundfield/CADS; Personal system	Teacher
While students take written tests	Nothing	
Traveling from one class to another	Student should bring the personal transmitter to the next teacher**.	
Speech Therapy	Personal system or Nothing	If the speech room has good acoustics, HAT may not be needed. If, however, the room has a great deal of background noise then the Speech Language Pathologist should wear the mic; Pass from person to person if there are multiple speakers in a group.
Special Classes (art, gym, music, etc.)	Personal system to go with students**.	Instructor
Standardized speech and language testing (ex: PLAI, PLS, Goldman-Fristoe)	Personal system	Speech Language Pathologist or Test Administrator
Written standardized testing (ex: ACT, SAT)	While reading directions: Soundfield/CADS; Personal system	Test Administrator
	While testing: None	

^{*}Classroom Audio Distribution Systems (CADS; a.k.a. sound field systems)

^{***}Consult your audiologist regarding the use of multiple transmitters.





^{**}Work with your audiologist to determine whether frequencies will interfere with one another if transmitters are moved throughout the building.