

Assistive Listening Device: SoundField

A SoundField decreases the effects of background noise and will allow the student increased access to the spoken message. For this accommodation one of two options will be utilized.

Option 1

A Classroom SoundField System uses the speakers in a Technology Enhanced classroom and is being used to increase the spoken message of the teacher and the audio above the background noise.

- In order to use this accommodation, students will need to have classes in a Technology Enhanced classroom. Classrooms will be moved by a Disability Specialist, if needed.
- Lock in and relocation will be added to a student's accommodations to relocate the room and/or ensure the location does not change, if students are not already in a Technology Enhanced room.
- The instructor will pick up a microphone in Bierce Library Room 75 before classes begin.
- The professor should be wearing the microphone 6 inches from their mouth and the volume should be comfortably loud for everyone.
- If there is a high -pitched noise (feedback) during the time the professor is wearing the microphone, the professor may need to walk farther away from the speakers and/or turn down the volume slightly.
- If the professor needs any troubleshooting assistance when using the microphone, please contact: Bierce Library Room 75 at 330-972-781 or avsref@uakron.edu.

Option 2

A small portable voice amplifier may be used as an alternative to relocating the room. This device also acts as a SoundField and helps to increase the professor's voice and the audio above the background noise.

- The professor can be picked up the Voice Amplifier in the Office of Accessibility, Simmons 105.
- The professor will wear a microphone headset and the amplifier at their waist.
- This amplifier will need to be periodically charged.
- The portable voice amplifier may not cover as large an area and the student may need to utilize preferential seating, locating themselves closer to the speaker.
- A limited number of Voice amplifiers are available.