



SERU

Assessment tools for district staff

SERU maintains assessment tools for department guidance officers and speech pathologists. These include kits, forms and journals.

'Soundfield' systems

Classroom amplification called 'Soundfield' systems are available for trial from SERU for students with a hearing impairment.

Audiological records

SERU maintains a statewide database of hearing assessment reports for students who are Deaf or have a hearing impairment.

Occupational, health and safety equipment for staff

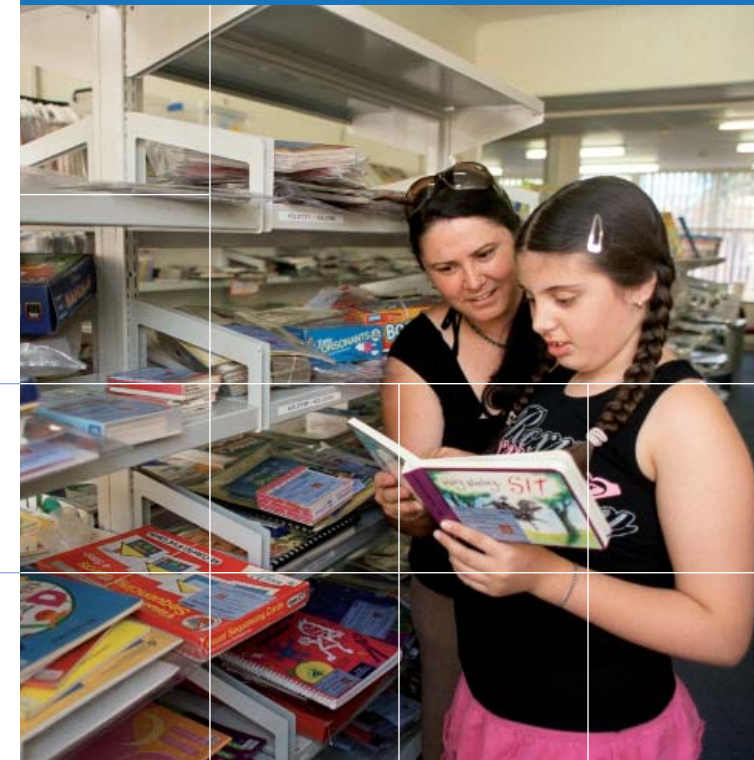
SERU provides equipment for department staff, as recommended by the Occupational Health and Safety Unit.

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Information about services and resources





What is SERU?

The Special Education Resource Unit (SERU) provides services for children/students with disabilities and learning difficulties, who live in South Australia.

These services are available to:

- teachers
- other professional workers
- parents/carers.

Most services are for students enrolled in government schools.

Further details are available below and in separate brochures for each service. These brochures can be downloaded from the SERU website at <http://web.seru.sa.edu.au>

Transport Assistance

Parents/carers can receive transport assistance if they have a student with a disability who needs help to travel to a special facility. Assistance can be through:

- a car allowance
- a payment to cover the cost of public or private transport
- transport by taxi, Access Cab or specialist bus.

See brochures: Transport Assistance for students with disabilities.

Assistive Technology

SERU lends equipment to identified students. Equipment includes:

- laptop and desktop computers
- portable word processors such as QuickPads and Alphasmarts
- alternative keyboards such as those with Big Keys and Intellikeys
- alternative pointing devices such as big mice, pointers and joysticks.

See brochure: Assistive Technologies.

Access Equipment

SERU lends equipment to preschools and schools for identified students with physical disabilities.

Equipment includes:

- seating
- ramps, steps and platforms
- toileting equipment
- hoists and slings.

See brochure: Access Equipment.

Teaching and Learning Resources

Resources available for loan from SERU include:

- curriculum resources
- developmental learning resources
- reference materials and journals
- specialised resources for department sites.

See brochure: Teaching and Learning Resources.

Early Intervention Service – Hearing Impaired

SERU has a team of qualified Teachers of the Deaf. The team supports:

- babies and children 0–5 years with hearing impairment
- hearing children of Deaf Adults
- parents/carers
- early childhood personnel.

The team provides individual support in the home or in early childhood settings.

See brochures: Early Intervention Service – Hearing Impaired.

Communication Support Service

This service supports individual students with a severe speech and/or language disability. The service also works with school and preschool staff and provides professional development for educators. The service has expertise in using communication and technology software.

See brochure: Communication Support Service.

Conductive Education Service

Conductive education is an educational approach for babies, children and students with physical and multiple disabilities (e.g. cerebral palsy).

It helps them become more independent in movement, language, social skills and self care.

There are programs for babies and children aged 6 months to 5 years and for primary and secondary students. Professional development is also provided for school staff.

See brochure: Conductive Education Service.