

## ***Educational Interpreter Performance Assessments (EIPA)***

The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is now a Local Test Administrator (LTA) for the EIPA. The EIPA is a tool that evaluates the voice-to-sign and sign-to-voice skills of interpreters who work in the elementary through secondary classroom using videotape stimulus materials and a procedure that includes a comprehensive rating system.

The EIPA takes around two hours to complete. You will have a 45-minute warm up period before taking both the 'signing' and 'voicing' portion of the test. The test uses videotapes of actual classroom lessons and of a student or teen signing. During the warm up period you will complete necessary paperwork and be given materials (print and videotape) to prepare you for the test. You also will have the opportunity to choose whether you are tested using ASL (with some PSE), PSE (with some ASL), or MCE (with some PSE). The testing materials have been created using typical deaf students and actual classroom settings. The videotapes are professional quality in terms of the audio and video quality, as well as the design of the videotapes.

The cost for the EIPA is \$250, payable to Boys Town National Research Hospital. The Commission does not charge a fee to administer the test, except in a few situations.

For more information about the EIPA:

<http://www.classroominterpreting.org/EIPA/index.asp>