



Akilah English

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Akilah English is a deaf and hard of hearing specialist for the District of Columbia Public Schools in Washington, D.C. With more than 14 years of experience, she has taught at elementary and middle schools in the District, Maryland, and Massachusetts. She earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Gallaudet University and master's degree in Deaf Education from McDaniel College.

Akilah is currently the secretary for the District of Columbia Area Black Deaf Advocates and is also an active member of the National Black Deaf Advocates and a board member for Maryland School for the Deaf. She has a passion for education that is centered in social justice. Akilah has presented workshops and training on social justice to Deaf educators at both state and national level. She is a committed change advocate, which is reflected in her work with numerous boards and organizations focusing on education and Black Deaf communities. Akilah is currently attending the University of Maryland-College Park where she is pursuing a PhD in Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership with a specialty in Minority and Urban Education.