

13 Categories of Disabled Children

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***Note:**

- Special education defined by law.
- Must fit existing definitions only to get services.
 1. **MR**: All 3....EMR, TMR, SMR
 - 0-75 IQ range
 - Stanford-Binet or Whisk test to determine IQ for MR eligibility.
 2. **Hard of Hearing**:
 - A) Degree and is it correctable determines special education eligibility.
 - B) Does hearing problem impairment cause detrimental effect in educational performance.
 3. **Deaf**: Send to audiologist and determine adverse effect on education to qualify for special education.
 4. **Speech Impaired**: 2, 3, 4 most speech therapy, minor articulation, stuttering. Diagnosis is by speech therapists or doctor.
 - Severe oral language handicap is extreme level.
 5. **Visually Impaired**: (Blind and partially seeing) Ophthalmologist will diagnosis.
 6. **Serious Emotionally Disturbed**: (SED) Federal law has dropped "serious"—ED now is term but means the same...a chronic long-term. Social worker or psychologist will help.
 7. **Orthopedically Impaired**: MD statement to explain wheelchair. Look at educational performance impact. Cer. Pal. Or some degree of spasticity will get label of ortho impaired.
 8. **Other Health Impaired**: Some ADD now getting in here but schools are not happy about it.
 9. **Specific Learning Disability**: School psych gives IQ and achievement test and looks for discrepancy.
 10. **Deaf/Blind**: Very few numbers of these.
 11. **Multi-Handicapped**: Two or more disorders and one has to be serious.
 12. **Autism**: Very hard core cases and emotional. One of the most expensive and requires a one-to-one or one-to-two ratio of student to teacher.
 - **Legal**: 6 hours of school and in-home support as well are entering the court system now.
 - **Day Break Program**: (Lamont) For 14-22 year olds for severe autism.
 13. **Traumatic Brain Injury**: Most expensive category; must be from accident or trauma; can be up to 300-500k per year; part of cost covered by schools, insurance coverage, lawsuits; cannot be from birth defects.