

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

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Student Name:

Date:

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Definition: Traumatic brain injury means an acquired injury to the brain caused by an external force, resulting in total or partial functional disability or psychosocial impairment, or both, that adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term applies to open or closed head injuries resulting in impairments in one or more areas, such as cognition; language; memory; attention; reasoning; abstract thinking; judgment; problem solving; sensory; perceptual and motor abilities; psychosocial behavior; physical functions; information processing; and speech. The term does not apply to brain injuries that are congenital or degenerative, or brain injuries induced by birth trauma.

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## Checklist for Determining Eligibility:

1. Identification of Disability

Evidence of traumatic brain injury (medical)

Evidence of educational deficits in one or more of the following areas:

Cognitive Functioning

Communication

Social/Emotional

Motor

Sensory/Perceptual

Adaptive Behavior

2. Documentation of adverse effect on educational performance

3. Determination of need for special education and related services

**The student meets criteria for Traumatic Brain Injury:**

Yes

No