

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DEAF-BLINDNESS

Student Name:

Date:

Definition: Deaf-Blindness means concomitant hearing and visual impairments, the combination of which causes such severe communication and other developmental and educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for children with deafness or children with blindness.

Checklist for Determining Eligibility:

1. Identification of Disability

Documentation of hearing impairment (must have one):

Sensorineural hearing loss

Permanent conductive hearing loss with aided sensitivity of 30 DB or worse, bilaterally

Documentation of visual impairment:

Poorer than 20/70 corrected visual acuity in the better eye

Cortical blindness and/or

No apparent response to visual stimulation

Documentation that impairments prevent child from benefiting from modified special education programs for either hearing or visually impaired students

2. Documentation of adverse effect on educational performance

3. Determination of need for special education and related services

The student meets criteria for Deaf-Blindness disability:

Yes

No