

## Eligibility Checklist for Section 504 Disability in Learning

To qualify for accommodations for a disability in learning under Section 504, a student must have a physical or mental impairment that *substantially* limits his/her learning.

If the student needs individually designed instruction due to the severity of the impairment, then the student should be referred for evaluation and possible placement under Article 7.

If a student does not need accommodations or modifications at school beyond those normally made available to all students, then (s)he is not eligible for an accommodation plan under Section 504.

The following questions will help guide the committee in determining whether the student's learning is substantially limited as a result of the impairment. Generally, there should be multiple indications of difficulty before the committee determines the student's learning is substantially limited.

Yes    No

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| _____ | _____ | 1.  | Has the student demonstrated a <i>consistent</i> need for substantially more time to complete <i>homework assignments</i> than required by typical students?   |
| _____ | _____ | 2.  | Has the student demonstrated a <i>consistent</i> need for substantially more time to complete <i>in-class assignments</i> than required by typical students?   |
| _____ | _____ | 3.  | Does the student <i>consistently</i> need <i>modified testing</i> to be able to demonstrate his/her knowledge?   |
| _____ | _____ | 4.  | Does the student have <i>significant difficulty</i> with planning, organization and performing school-related assignments and other activities?  |
| _____ | _____ | 5.  | Is the student <i>chronically absent</i> or tardy due to a physical or mental impairment?  |
| _____ | _____ | 6.  | If so, are those absences/tardies <i>significantly interfering</i> with his/her educational progress?  |
| _____ | _____ | 7.  | Does the student exhibit <i>frequent behaviors</i> (such as impulsivity, inattentiveness, aggression, drowsiness) that are commonly associated with the student's physical or mental impairment or the medication that the student is taking?<br>If yes, describe those behaviors and indicate specifically the impact on school performance.<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| _____ | _____ | 8.  | Do those behaviors <i>significantly interfere</i> with the student's educational progress?   |
| _____ | _____ | 9.  | Has the student experienced a <i>significant decline</i> in academic performance that is not due to any cause other than the physical or mental impairment?  |
| _____ | _____ | 10. | Does the student have <i>significant discipline problems</i> that are not due to any cause other than the physical or mental impairment?   |
| _____ | _____ | 11. | After appropriate intervention strategies have been attempted in the regular education classroom, does the student still have significant learning problems?   |
| _____ | _____ | 12. | Does the student's physical or mental impairment substantially limit his/her ability to learn in any manner not already indicated?<br>If so, explain: _____<br>_____<br>_____  |