

# **Disability Categories Information and Resources**

The **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**, has categories under which students are eligible for protections and services promised by this law. The categories are:

- 1. Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorder**
  - **Autism**
  - **Asperger syndrome**
  - **Rett syndrome**
  - **Childhood disintegrative Disorder (CDD) (also known as Heller's Syndrome)**
  - **Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDDNOS)**
- 2. Deaf-Blindness**
- 3. Deafness**
- 4. Developmental Delay**
- 5. Emotional Behavioral Disturbance (EBD)**
  - **Anxiety Disorders**
  - **Bipolar Disorder**
  - **Conduct Disorder – such as – Oppositional Defiant Disorder**
  - **Eating Disorders**
  - **Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)**
  - **Psychotic Disorders - such as – Schizophrenia**
- 6. Hearing Impairment**
- 7. Intellectual Disability**
  - **Down syndrome**
  - **Fragile X syndrome**
  - **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)**
- 8. Multiple Disabilities**
- 9. Orthopedic Impairment**
  - **Spina Bifida**
  - **Cerebral Palsy**
  - **Muscular Dystrophy**
  - **Spinal Cord injuries**
  - **Amputations**
  - **Clubfoot**

## **10. Other Health Impairment**

- **AIDS**
- **Asthma**
- **Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD)**
- **Cancer**
- **Cystic Fibrosis**
- **Diabetes**
- **Epilepsy**
- **Heart Conditions**
- **Hemophilia**
- **HIV**
- **Lead Poisoning**
- **Leukemia**
- **Nephritis**
- **Rheumatic Fever**
- **Sickle Cell Anemia**
- **Tourette Syndrome**

## **11. Specific Learning Disability**

- **Brain Injuries**
- **Developmental Aphasia – a type of language disorder**
- **Dyslexia**
- **Minimal Brain Dysfunction**
- **Perceptual Disabilities**

## **12. Speech or Language Impairment**

## **13. Traumatic Brain Injury**

## **14. Visual Impairment including Blindness**

The **IDEA** allows States to choose additional categories – Wisconsin chose to add:

- **Developmental Delay (DD)**
- **Significant Developmental Delay (SDD)**