

### § 300.8

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 to brain injuries induced by birth trauma.

(13) *Visual impairment including blindness* means an impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(3)(A) and (B); 1401(26))

### § 300.8 Consent.

As used in this part, the term *consent* has the meaning given that term in § 300.500(b)(1).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1415(a))

### § 300.9 Day; business day; school day.

As used in this part, the term—

(a) Day means calendar day unless otherwise indicated as business day or school day;

(b) *Business day* means Monday through Friday, except for Federal and State holidays (unless holidays are specifically included in the designation of business day, as in § 300.403(d)(1)(ii)); and

(c)(1) *School day* means any day, including a partial day, that children are in attendance at school for instructional purposes.

(2) The term *school day* has the same meaning for all children in school, including children with and without disabilities.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3)

### § 300.10 Educational service agency.

As used in this part, the term *educational service agency*—

(a) Means a regional public multi-service agency—

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(1) Authorized by State law to develop, manage, and provide services or programs to LEAs; and

(2) Recognized as an administrative agency for purposes of the provision of special education and related services provided within public elementary and secondary schools of the State;

(b) Includes any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction over a public elementary or secondary school; and

(c) Includes entities that meet the definition of *intermediate educational unit* in section 602(23) of IDEA as in effect prior to June 4, 1997.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(4))

### § 300.11 Equipment.

As used in this part, the term *equipment* means—

(a) Machinery, utilities, and built-in equipment and any necessary enclosures or structures to house the machinery, utilities, or equipment; and

(b) All other items necessary for the functioning of a particular facility as a facility for the provision of educational services, including items such as instructional equipment and necessary furniture; printed, published and audiovisual instructional materials; telecommunications, sensory, and other technological aids and devices; and books, periodicals, documents, and other related materials.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(6))

### § 300.12 Evaluation.

As used in this part, the term *evaluation* has the meaning given that term in § 300.500(b)(2).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1415(a))

### § 300.13 Free appropriate public education.

As used in this part, the term *free appropriate public education* or *FAPE* means special education and related services that—

(a) Are provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge;

(b) Meet the standards of the SEA, including the requirements of this part;

(c) Include preschool, elementary school, or secondary school education in the State; and

(d) Are provided in conformity with an individualized education program (IEP) that meets the requirements of §§ 300.340–300.350.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(8))

**§ 300.14 Include.**

As used in this part, the term *include* means that the items named are not all of the possible items that are covered, whether like or unlike the ones named.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3)

**§ 300.15 Individualized education program.**

As used in this part, the term *individualized education program* or *IEP* has the meaning given the term in § 300.340(a).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(11))

**§ 300.16 Individualized education program team.**

As used in this part, the term *individualized education program team* or *IEP team* means a group of individuals described in § 300.344 that is responsible for developing, reviewing, or revising an IEP for a child with a disability.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3)

**§ 300.17 Individualized family service plan.**

As used in this part, the term *individualized family service plan* or *IFSP* has the meaning given the term in 34 CFR 303.340(b).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(12))

**§ 300.18 Local educational agency.**

(a) As used in this part, the term *local educational agency* means a public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or for a combination of school districts or counties as are recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public elementary or secondary schools.

(b) The term includes—

(1) An educational service agency, as defined in § 300.10;

(2) Any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public elementary or secondary school, including a public charter school that is established as an LEA under State law; and

(3) An elementary or secondary school funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and not subject to the jurisdiction of any SEA other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but only to the extent that the inclusion makes the school eligible for programs for which specific eligibility is not provided to the school in another provision of law and the school does not have a student population that is smaller than the student population of the LEA receiving assistance under this Act with the smallest student population.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(15))

**§ 300.19 Native language.**

(a) As used in this part, the term *native language*, if used with reference to an individual of limited English proficiency, means the following:

(1) The language normally used by that individual, or, in the case of a child, the language normally used by the parents of the child, except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(2) In all direct contact with a child (including evaluation of the child), the language normally used by the child in the home or learning environment.

(b) For an individual with deafness or blindness, or for an individual with no written language, the mode of communication is that normally used by the individual (such as sign language, braille, or oral communication).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(16))

**§ 300.20 Parent.**

(a) *General.* As used in this part, the term *parent* means—

(1) A natural or adoptive parent of a child;

(2) A guardian but not the State if the child is a ward of the State;

(3) A person acting in the place of a parent (such as a grandparent or step-parent with whom the child lives, or a