

Autism

Definition:

A child a child/student with a physical disability in the area of autism has a developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and non-verbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before age three that adversely affects a child's/student's educational performance. The autism prevents a child/student from receiving reasonable educational benefit from general education.

Criteria:

The child's/student's Physical Disability in the area of Autism is characterized by:

- Qualitative impairment in social interactions.
- Qualitative impairment in communication.
- Restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests, and activities.

The child's/student's Physical Disability in the area of Autism interferes with:

- Functional communication (verbal and nonverbal)
- Social interactions and relationships
- Behavior
- Cognitive Processing
- Motor Skills
- Self help/ daily living skills

CDE Resources and Information:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/SD-Autism.asp>

Additional Resources and Information:

<http://www.autismcolorado.org/>

The Autism Society of Colorado states as their mission, “to promote the quality of life for people with autism spectrum disorders and their families”. This site has provides information, resources, events and opportunities for families of individuals diagnosed with autism.

<http://www.autismboulder.org/>

The Autism Society of Boulder County (ASBC) is a chapter of the Autism Society of America in Colorado serving Boulder and Broomfield counties