

Significant Limited Intellectual Capacity

Definition:

A child with a significant limited intellectual capacity shall have reduced general intellectual functioning, which prevents the child from receiving reasonable benefit from general education. Reduced general intellectual capacity shall mean limited functioning or ability which usually originates in the developmental period and exists concurrently with impairment in adaptive behavior.

Criteria:

The student meets ALL of the following criteria:

- A score of more than 2.0 standard deviations below the mean on individually administered measures of cognition.
- Evidence that the level of independent adaptive behavior is significantly below the culturally imposed expectations of personal and social responsibilities
- A deficiency in academic achievement, as indicated by scores 2.0 standard deviations below the mean in measures of language, reading and math

None of these indicators by itself shall be sufficient criterion for determination of a significant limited intellectual capacity. All three indicators shall be evident for the determination of this disability. Professional judgment shall be required for interpretation of scores and/or other findings.

Additional Resources and Information

<http://www.cec.sped.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

The Council for Exceptional Children provides the most current news, information, support, and resources for families and professionals serving special education students.

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

Association for Children with Down Syndrome provides information and resources supporting inclusion of individuals with Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities.

<http://www.jfkpartners.org/CollProgExcel.asp>

JFK Partners Training and Inclusion Program includes research and training opportunities in autism and other developmental disabilities

<http://www.thearc.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?&pid=223&srcid=428&chid=85>

ARC of Adams County: Local chapter of the nationwide ARC organization provides resources and additional links supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities