**THREE CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION ELIGIBILITY**

**FOR STUDENTS AGES 6-21**

**CRITERIA #1**

**DISABILITY DETERMINATION**

**Does the student have a disability?**

Other Health Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, Autism,

Speech and Language Impairment, Emotional Disability, Learning Impairment, etc.

(12 different disability categories each with their own criteria)

**CRITERIA #2**

**ADVERSE EFFECT ON EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE**

**Is the student struggling within a basic skill area as compared to his/her grade level peers as a result of his/her disability?**

**Are there pieces of evidence from at least three different types of measures of school performance that indicate significant difficulty in one basic skill area?**

**Basic Skill Areas:**

Basic Reading Skills Oral Expression

Reading Comprehension Listening Comprehension

Reading Fluency (Learning Disability only) Written Expression

Math Calculation Skills Math Reasoning

**CRITERIA #3**

**NEED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Does the student need specialized instruction or supports/accommodations that are not available within the regular education system of support?**