

**ELIGIBILITY SUMMARY ADDENDUM
FOR IDENTIFICATION OF AUTISM**

Name _____ Date _____

DEFINITION

Autism means a developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and nonverbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before age three, that adversely affects a child's educational performance. Other characteristics often associated with autism are engagement in repetitive activities and stereotyped movements, resistance to environmental change or change in daily routines, and unusual responses to sensory experiences. The term does not apply if a child's educational performance is adversely affected primarily because the child has an emotional disability. A child who manifests the characteristics of autism after age three, (e.g., Asperger's Disorder) could be found eligible under this disability if the criteria listed above are met.

CRITERIA

A student with autism who requires special education will meet ALL of the following criteria. For each criterion the committee must indicate "Yes" or "No" and provide additional information as appropriate.

- I. The student has significant deficits in verbal and nonverbal communication.** Yes No
The committee must specify problem areas.

- II. The student has significant deficits in social interaction.** Yes No
The committee must state problem areas.

- III. Emotional disability can be ruled out as the primary cause of adverse impact to educational performance.** Yes No
- IV. The adaptive, communication and social interaction deficits result in an adverse effect on educational performance in one or more instructional areas.** Yes No
The committee must provide data and describe the adverse effects on educational performance.

- V. The student requires instruction to address identified disability areas that cannot reasonably be provided solely through regular education.** Yes No
Specify the instruction required and why it cannot be provided by regular education.

- VI. Result**
This student meets the "first prong" of the eligibility determination for special education services. The student has a disability that meets the criteria as defined by Albemarle County Schools. Yes No