

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

- Evaluation (Must meet initial criteria)
- Reevaluation

Based on information in the Evaluation Report and the student file, the student must meet the requirements in all five areas below. The determination must be made by a multidisciplinary team and supported by information collected from multiple settings and sources.

A. Medical Documentation

- There is documentation by a physician of a medically verified traumatic brain injury (TBI).

B. Functional Impairment

The student's file must include documentation of a functional impairment attributed to the TBI that adversely affects education performance in at least one of the following:

- Intellectual-cognitive
- Sensory
- Academic
- Social-emotional-behavioral
- Motor
- Functional skills-adaptive behavior
- Communication

C. Previously Existing Conditions

Verification that the student's impairments are not primarily the result of previously existing condition:

- Visual, hearing, motor impairments
- Developmental disabilities
- Environmental or economic disadvantage
- Emotional/behavioral disorders
- Language or specific learning disabilities
- Cultural differences

D. Documentation

The student file must include documentation of functional impairment through at least one of the following:

- Checklists
- Classroom or work samples
- Documented, systematic behavioral observations
- Educational/medical history
- Interviews with parent, student and other knowledgeable individuals

E. Documentation

The student's file must include documentation of functional impairment based in at least one of the following:

- Criterion-referenced measures
- Personality or projective measures
- Sociometric measures
- Standardized assessment measures (academic, cognitive, communication, neuropsychological or motor)

Review of Eligibility Determination

To determine compliance with eligibility determination, one of the following *must* be checked.

- The documentation supports the team decision.
- The documentation does not support the team decision.

For complete information regarding disability criteria requirements, refer to Minnesota Rules, part 3525.1348.