

**City College of San Francisco
Disabled Student Programs & Services**

DISABILITY DEFINITIONS

Title 5 identifies the following disabilities for purposes of eligibility for services/special classes. These disabilities are permanent (lasting 45 days or longer).

Disabilities are as follows:

- Physical Disability:** Physical disability means a visual, mobility or orthopedic impairment.
- (a) Visual impairment means total or partial loss of sight.
 - (b) Mobility or orthopedic impairment means a serious limitation in locomotion or motor function.
- Communication Disability:** Communication disability is defined as an impairment in the processes of speech, language or hearing.
- (a) Hearing impairment means a total or partial loss of hearing function which impedes the communication process essential to language, educational, social and/or cultural interactions.
 - (b) Speech and language impairments mean one or more speech/language disorders of voice, articulation, rhythm and/or the receptive and expressive processes of language.
- Learning Disability (LD):** Learning disability is defined as a persistent condition of presumed neurological dysfunction which may exist with other disabling conditions. This dysfunction continues despite instruction in standard classroom situations. To be categorized as learning disabled, a student must exhibit:
- (a) Average to above-average intellectual ability;
 - (b) Severe processing deficit(s);
 - (c) Severe aptitude-achievement discrepancy(ies); and
 - (d) Measured achievement in an instructional or employment setting.
- Acquired Brain Impairment (ABI):** Acquired brain impairment means a verified deficit in brain functioning which results in a total or partial loss of cognitive, communicative, motor, psycho-social, and/or sensory-perceptual abilities.
- Developmentally Delayed Learner:** The developmentally delayed learner is a student who exhibits the following:
- (a) below average intellectual functioning; and
 - (b) potential for measurable achievement in instructional and employment settings.
- Psychological Disability:**
- (a) Psychological disability means a persistent psychological or psychiatric disorder, or emotional or mental illness.
 - (b) For purposes of this subchapter, the following conditions are not psychological disabilities:
 - (1) transvestitism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments, or other sexual behavior disorders;
 - (2) compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania; and
 - (3) psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.
- Other Disabilities:** This category includes all students with disabilities* who do not fall into any of the other categories but who indicate a need for support services or instruction.

*(A person enrolled at a community college who has a verified impairment which limits one or more major life activities and which imposes an educational limitation.)