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DEFINITION OF DISABILITY UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a person with a disability is someone who has:

- 1. A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities; or
- 2. A record of such impairment; or
- 3. Is regarded as having such impairment.

The U.S. Department of Justice Regulations, as well as legislative history, note that "impairment means any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs: including speech organs, respiratory, cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genito-urinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin, and endocrine." Impairment also means "any mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities." "Disability includes but is not limited to such conditions, diseases, and... infections as orthopedic, visual, speech and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy," etc.

Section 56002. Student with a Disability

A "student with a disability" or disabled student is a person enrolled at a community college who has a verified impairment which limits one or more major life activities, as defined in 28 C.F.R. 35.104, and which imposes an educational limitation as defined in Section 56004.

Section 55004. Educational Limitation

As used in this subchapter, "educational limitation" means disability related functional limitation in the educational setting. This occurs when the limitation prevents the student from fully benefiting from classes, activities, or services offered by the college to non-disabled students, without specific additional support services or instruction as defined in Section 56005.