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## Autism Spectrum Disorder

## IDEA Disability Information

### What is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) ?

**ASD** is a **developmental disability**. It involves a wide range of symptoms, but it mainly affects a child's **social** and **communication skills**. It can also impact **behavior**.



### Federal Definition of ASD

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**.



### What Does NOT Apply As ASD ?

Autism does **not** apply if a child's educational performance is adversely affected primarily because the child has an **emotional disturbance**, as previously mentioned.



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