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IDEA Disability Information

Emotional Disturbance

What is Emotional Disturbance ?

Various mental health issues can fall under the “**emotional disturbance**” category. They may include **anxiety disorder, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, and depression.** (May also be covered under OHI)

What Does NOT Apply As Emotional Disturbance ?

The term does **not** apply to children who are **socially maladjusted**, unless it is determined that they have an emotional disturbance.



Federal Definition of Emotional Disturbance

Emotional disturbance means a condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree that adversely affects a child's educational performance:

- Inability to learn that cannot be explained by **intellectual, sensory, or health factors.**
- Inability to **build or maintain** satisfactory interpersonal relationships with **peers and teachers.**
- Inappropriate types of **behavior or feelings** under normal circumstances.
- General pervasive mood of **unhappiness or depression.**
- Tendency to develop **physical** symptoms or **fears** associated with **personal or school problems.**



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