



# Missouri Eligibility Criteria for Multiple Disabilities

## Multiple Disabilities Definition

“Multiple Disabilities” means impairments that happen at the same time or in connection with another (such as intellectual disability, blindness, orthopedic impairment, etc.), the combination of which causes such severe educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for one of the impairments. The term does not include deaf/blindness.

## Criteria for Initial Determination of Eligibility

A child displays multiple disabilities when:

- A. Concomitant impairments occur, and
- B. The impairments together cause severe educational needs.

Missouri Eligibility Criteria can be found in the Missouri State Plan for Special Education, Regulation III- Identification and evaluation; <http://dese.mo.gov/governmentalaffairs/dese-administrative-rules/incorporated-reference-materials/IDEAPartB-2014>