

Deaf-Blindness Basis for Committee Decision

Student Name _____ ID# _____ Date of meeting _____

DEFINITION: Deaf-blindness means simultaneous hearing and visual impairments, the combination of which causes such severe communication and other developmental and educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for students with deafness or for students with blindness.

Consider the data from multiple sources, review the definition, consider the criteria below, and document any additional information. Note that a diagnosis included in a report from a medical professional is not sufficient to make an eligibility determination.

CRITERIA. A student with deaf-blindness who requires special education will meet **ALL** of the following criteria. For each criterion indicate yes or no and provide additional information as appropriate.

Yes No

- A. There is documentation that the student qualifies for special education in the following categories: deafness or hearing impairment and visual impairment. Attach the relevant Basis for Committee Decision forms.

Specify:

Yes No

- B. The combination of the hearing and visual impairments causes such severe communication and other developmental and educational needs that cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for students with deafness or for students with blindness.

Specify:

- Having reviewed all available written and oral information, the committee finds that the criteria for deaf-blindness ARE met.
- Having reviewed all available written and oral information, the committee finds that the criteria for deaf-blindness ARE NOT met.