

Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education Supplemented With IDEA Federal Regulations: R340.1710, Rule 10

R 340.1710 “Speech and language impairment” defined; determination.

Rule 10.

(1) A “speech and language impairment” means a communication disorder that adversely affects educational performance, such as a language impairment, articulation impairment, fluency impairment, or voice impairment.

(2) A communication disorder shall be determined through the manifestation of 1 or more of the following speech and language impairments that adversely affects educational performance:

(a) A language impairment which interferes with the student’s ability to understand and use language effectively and which includes 1 or more of the following:

(i) Phonology.

(ii) Morphology.

(iii) Syntax.

(iv) Semantics.

(v) Pragmatics.

(b) Articulation impairment, including omissions, substitutions, or distortions of sound, persisting beyond the age at which maturation alone might be expected to correct the deviation.

(c) Fluency impairment, including an abnormal rate of speaking, speech interruptions, and repetition of sounds, words, phrases, or sentences, that interferes with effective communication.

(d) Voice impairment, including inappropriate pitch, loudness, or voice quality.

(3) Any impairment under subrule (2)(a) of this rule shall be evidenced by both of the following:

(a) A spontaneous language sample demonstrating inadequate language functioning.

(b) Test results on not less than 2 standardized assessment instruments or 2 subtests designed to determine language functioning which indicate inappropriate language functioning for the student’s age.

(4) A student who has a communication disorder, but whose primary disability is other than speech and language may be eligible for speech and language services under R340.1745(a).

(5) A determination of impairment shall be based upon a comprehensive evaluation by a multidisciplinary evaluation team, which shall include a teacher of students with speech and language impairment under R 340.1796 or a speech and language pathologist qualified under R 340.1792.