



Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

**ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**

**AUTISM**

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*This form is provided for local use only.*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This form is provided to assist school district individualized education program (IEP) teams in determining if a student appropriately can be determined to have an impairment under Chapter 115, Wis. Stats., and the eligibility criteria established in PI 11.36, Wis. Admin. Code. The IEP team should complete this form to document determination of eligibility for special education services and keep it on file with the student record.

Student Name	Date of Eligibility Determination
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Criteria for impairment in the area of autism can be documented as follows:

**Section I. (Both must be checked Yes.)**

- Yes  No The child displays difficulties or differences or both in interacting with people and events. The child may be unable to establish and maintain reciprocal relationships with people. The child may seek consistency in environmental events to the point of exhibiting rigidity in routines.
  
- Yes  No The child displays problems which extend beyond speech and language to other aspects of social communication, both receptively, and expressively. The child's verbal language may be absent or, if present, lacks the usual communicative form which may involve deviance or delay or both. The child may have a speech or language disorder or both in addition to communication difficulties associated with autism.

**Section II. (At least one must be checked Yes.)**

- Yes  No The child exhibits delays, arrests, or regressions in motor, sensory, social or learning skills. The child may exhibit precocious or advanced skill development, while other skills may develop at normal or extremely depressed rates. The child may not follow developmental patterns in the acquisition of skills.
  
- Yes  No The child exhibits abnormalities in the thinking process and in generalizing. The child exhibits strengths in concrete thinking while difficulties are demonstrated in abstract thinking, awareness and judgment. Perseverant thinking and impaired ability to process symbolic information may be present.
  
- Yes  No The child exhibits unusual, inconsistent, repetitive or unconventional responses to sounds, sights, smells, tastes, touch or movement. The child may have a visual or hearing impairment or both in addition to sensory processing difficulties associated with autism.
  
- Yes  No The child displays marked distress over changes, insistence on following routines, and a persistent preoccupation with or attachment to objects. The child's capacity to use objects in an age-appropriate or functional manner may be absent, arrested or delayed. The child may have difficulty displaying a range of interests or imaginative activities or both. The child may exhibit stereotyped body movements.