**Traumatic Brain Injury**

Traumatic Brain Injury means an acquired injury to the brain caused by an external physical force, resulting in total or partial functional disability or psychosocial impairment, or both, that adversely affects a child's educational performance. Traumatic brain injury applies to open or closed head injuries resulting in impairments in one or more areas, such as cognition; language; memory; attention; reasoning; abstract thinking; judgment; problem-solving; sensory, perceptual, and motor abilities; psychosocial behavior; physical functions; information processing; and speech. Traumatic brain injury does not apply to brain injuries that are congenital or degenerative, or to brain injuries induced by birth trauma. (34 CFR Sec. 300.8(c)(12))

**Eligibility Determination**

The New Mexico TEAM (DEC. 2017) guidelines were followed for this current assessment. Based on current assessments and data from multiple sources:

1. A lack of appropriate instruction in reading or math  a determinant factor.
2. Limited English proficiency a determinant factor;
3. eligibility category better describes the child’s disability; and
4. The assessment and evaluation demonstrate the child  the requirements of the Traumatic Brain Injury definition.