**Deaf-Blindness**

Deaf-blindness means concomitant 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 children with deafness or children with blindness. (34 CFR Sec. 300.8(c)(2))

**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. Current assessment and evaluation revealed the student  meet requirements of the deaf-blindness definition.