Q) What are the disabilities that DSPS serves?

A) There are nine disability categories recognized by the State Chancellor’s Office. They are:

1) **Acquired Brain Injury**: Deficit in brain functioning resulting in loss of cognitive, communicative, motor, psychological and/or sensory/perceptual abilities

2) **Developmentally Delayed Learner**: Below average intellectual functioning and potential for measurable achievement in instructional and employment settings

3) **Hearing Impairment**: Total or partial loss of hearing function which impedes the communication process essential to language, educational, social, and/or cultural interactions

4) **Learning Disability**: Average to above-average intellectual ability and severe processing deficit(s) and severe aptitude-achievement discrepancy (ies) and measured achievement in an educational or employment setting

5) **Mobility Impairment**: Serious limitation in locomotion and/or motor function

6) **Psychological Disability**: A persistent psychological or psychiatric disorder, emotional or mental illness that adversely affects educational performance

7) **Speech & Language Impairment**: One or more speech/language disorders of voice, articulation, rhythm and/or the receptive and expressive processes of language

8) **Visual Impairment**: Total or partial loss of sight

9) **Other Disability**: This often includes various medical disabilities not included in the other eight categories. Prior elementary and/or high school special education or 504 plan students are often counted in this category until LD testing or other appropriate testing is completed

(Source: Title V Regulations, Article 3: Sections 56032-56042)