

Reporting DD, PSD, MD, and MDSSI

EdFacts guidance, per the FS002 – Children with Disabilities (IDEA) School Age File Specification, requires that, in circumstances where more than one disability is reported for a student, the data is federally reported publicly using the following hierarchy.

Primary Need Hierarchy

PEAs should utilize the following logic when reporting students with disabilities:

1. If the student has DD or PSD, the PEA should report the student with one of these categories being the primary disability
2. If the student does not have DD or PSD and the student has either MD or MDSSI, the PEA should report the student with MD or MDSSI as the primary disability
3. If the student does not meet criteria 1 or 2, the PEA may report any primary disability

MD Requirements

MD requires the following categories to co-exist:

- Two or more of the following: HI, MOID, OI, VI

OR

- One of the above categories

AND

One of the following: ED, EDP, MIID, SLD

Subject to other existing rules and providing that this rule is met, any other category may co-exist with MD.

MDSSI Requirements

MDSSI requires the following categories to co-exist:

- Severe HI and VI

OR

- One of the above categories

AND

One of the following: A, EDP, MOID, OI, SID

Subject to other existing rules and providing that this rule is met, any other category may co-exist with MDSSI.