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## 6A-6.030151 Exceptional Student Education Eligibility for Students ~~Who are Physically Impaired~~ with Orthopedic Impairment.

(1) Definition. Orthopedic impairment means a severe skeletal, muscular, or neuromuscular impairment. The term includes impairments resulting from congenital anomalies (e.g. including but not limited to skeletal deformity or spina bifida), and impairments resulting from other causes (e.g., including but not limited to cerebral palsy or amputations).

(2) ~~Activities prior to referral~~ General education interventions and activities. Prior to referral for evaluation, the requirements in subsections 6A-6.0331(1)-(3), F.A.C., must be met.

(3) Evaluation. In addition to the provisions in subsection 6A-6.0331(4) (5), F.A.C., the evaluation for a student must also include the procedures identified in the district's Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services as required by Rule 6A-6.03411, F.A.C determining eligibility shall include all of the following:

(a) A report of a medical examination, within the previous twelve-month (12) period, from a physician(s) licensed in Florida in accordance with Sections 458 or 459, Florida Statutes, who is qualified to assess the student's orthopedic impairment. The physician's report must provide a description of the impairment and any medical implications for instruction; and,

(b) An educational evaluation that identifies educational and environmental needs of the student.

(4) Criteria for eligibility. A student with an orthopedic impairment is eligible for exceptional student education, if the following criteria are met:

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(a) Evidence of an orthopedic impairment that adversely affects the student's performance in the educational environment in any of the following: ambulation, hand movement, coordination, or daily living skills, and

(b) The student needs special education as defined in paragraph 6A-6.03411(1)~~(e)~~ (kk), F.A.C.

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