**24:05:24.01:27.  Language disorder defined.** A language disorder is a reduced ability, whether developmental or acquired, to comprehend or express ideas through spoken, written, or gestural language. The language disorder may be characterized by limited vocabulary, an inability to function through pragmatics and semantics, syntax and morphology, or phonology. A language disorder may have a direct or indirect effect on a student's cognitive, social, emotional, or educational development or performance and deviates from accepted norms. The term, language disorder, does not include students whose communication problems result solely from a native language other than English or from their dialectal differences.

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