**Summary Data**

**Students with Disabilities in Virginia**

The Commonwealth serves students in several disabilities categories for students who range in age from 2-22. Students are identified for a disability through a multi-step process at the local division level. Once identified, a team of trained professionals work with families to develop an individualized education program (IEP)

There are currently 178,894 students with disabilities in Virginia (14%). This is in line with the national average. This year, there has been an increase in the number of students with disabilities, however, the number is less than 2019-2020.

**Students with Disabilities in Virginia**

**Number of Students**

**School Year**

­The following chart outlines the number of students across the Commonwealth who have been identified in specific disability categories during the 2021-2022 academic year.

**Disability Category**



Disability categories noted above as well as the percentages of students per category for the 2021-2022 SY:

DD = Developmental Disability **7%**

TBI = Traumatic Brain Injury **Less than 1%**

AUT= Autism **14%**

MD = Multiple Disabilities **2%**

DB = Deaf Blindness **Less than 1%**

SLD = Specific Learning Disabilities **30%**

OHI = Other Health Impairments **20%**

OI = Orthopedic Impairment **Less than 1%**

ED = Emotional Disability **5%**

VI = Visual Impairments including Blindness **Less than 1%**

SLI = Speech Language Impairment **13%**

HI = Hearing Impairments including Deafness **1%**

ID = Intellectual Disabilities **5%**

Local school divisions are responsible for providing a free and appropriate public education to children with disabilities from an early age through early adulthood (ages 2-22). As shown, the majority of students with disabilities receiving services with an individualized education program (IEP) are in preschool through grade 12.

**Students with Disabilities by Age**

