

Visual Impairment
Eligibility Criteria

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

State Definition

Visual Impairment means an impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness.

District Criteria

Eligibility requires a student to meet both medical and functional criteria. Students must have a documented visual impairment and there must be adverse-affect due to the visual impairment.

Inclusionary Criteria

Student has an impairment in vision, even with correction, regardless of significance or severity, which adversely affects his/her educational performance.

Medical: Must meet one of the following criteria:

Y N

The student meets one of the following visual medical conditions as indicated on an ocular report from an optometrist or an ophthalmologist:

Reduced visual acuity

Restricted field of vision

Permanent and/or progressive eye condition

Diagnosis of Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment

Other: _____

Describe/identify the visual impairment (include eye diagnosis if known):

Ocular report on file:

Yes

No

Additional information:

Y N

The student has a visual impairment

Y N

There is an adverse-affect on educational performance

Y N

There is need for specialized instruction from Teacher for the Visually Impaired and student meets eligibility criteria

Some examples of adverse educational effect include:

- Requires accommodations and/or modifications in order to access visual material in environment and/or curriculum.
- Requires alternative reading and/or writing medium/media other than regular print (i.e., large print, AT for magnification, Braille, tactual symbols, auditory).
- Requires assistive technology for accessibility to accomplish expected educational tasks that are visual in nature.
- Requires support in expanded core curriculum skills which are adversely affected by low vision or blindness.