

REQUEST FOR TCVI ASSISTANCE AND REFERRAL PROCESS

- ◆ Complete the Request for TCVI Assistance form stating specific vision concerns and impact on educational performance.
- ◆ TCVI will make contact with the requesting staff.
- ◆ Based upon current information, the Request for Assistance may move to a formal Request for Observation and Consultation.
 - An Authorization to Release of Information is needed to obtain the medical report.
 - A copy of medical report from the student's optometrist, or an ophthalmologist is needed preferably within the last year.
- If the team suspects a child has a visual impairment after the ROCs process, the team may initiate further evaluation.



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Educational Resource Guide to Vision Services



**Providing Educational Services
for a Better Tomorrow**

Services From Teacher Consultants for the Visually Impaired

Job Description

- ◆ Provide services to qualifying students with visual impairments ages birth through 26 throughout Van Buren County.
- ◆ Provide direct services to students with visual impairments addressing individualized goals and objectives.
- ◆ Provide itinerant services in a school, home, or another appropriate setting.
- ◆ Assist students with blindness and visual impairments with accessing classroom materials and school resources.
- ◆ Consult with classroom teachers, technology specialists, administrators, and other staff to assist students based on assessed needs.
- ◆ Conduct Functional Vision and Learning Media Assessments to determine a student's visual functioning and learning medium (visual, auditory, or tactile).
- ◆ Provide instructional support and community resources to students with visual impairments, and families of children.
- ◆ Collaborate with local and state agencies.

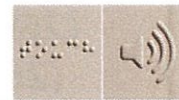
Examples of What We Do

- ◆ We have a "home" office, but drive between schools throughout the day to provide services.



- ◆ These are some general areas and skills we address:

- Compensatory skills
- Use of optical devices
- Assistive technology skills



- Independent living skills



Qualifications

To qualify, students must meet this criteria:

- ◆ A visual impairment, which even with correction, interferes with development or which adversely affects educational performance with one or more of the following:
 - Visual acuity for near or far point vision of 20/70 or less in the better eye after routine refractive correction.
 - A peripheral field of vision restricted to not more than 20 degrees.
 - A diagnosed progressively deteriorating eye condition.
- ◆ Determination is based upon a comprehensive evaluation by an evaluation team, which includes an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

Services Not Provided

- ◆ Vision screenings can be obtained through the Health Department.
- ◆ Eye exams are services provided by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.
- ◆ Vision therapy is a therapy provided in a medical setting by medical professionals.
- ◆ Eye glasses are not provided.