



IROQUOIS SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

106 EAST FRONT STREET • GILMAN • ILLINOIS • 60938
T: 815.683.2662 • F: 815.683.9913 • www.iroqsea.org

Visual Impairment Criteria

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, 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-effect 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.