



West Virginia Instructional Resource Center

Eligibility Requirements for Specialized Materials and Equipment:

There is no charge for the materials or services provided by the WVIRC. Funding is provided through the WV Department of Education Office of Special Education.

Any student (grades PS-12) with a visual impairment attending public or private school may be eligible for services from the WVIRC. Each student must have documentation certifying that the student meets one or more of the following criteria:

- ◆ Visual Acuity—A measure of 20/70 or less in the better eye with the best correction recorded in either far point or near point
- ◆ Visual Field Limitation— Angle of vision is 20 degrees or less in the better eye
- ◆ Progressive Eye Disease— A progressive eye condition which may result in loss of visual efficiency
- ◆ Cortical Visual Impairment— A visual loss caused by a disturbance of the

Services Provided:

The WVIRC provides specialized materials for qualified students enrolled in private and public school systems.

These materials include:

- ◆ Large Print Textbooks
- ◆ Braille Textbooks
- ◆ Specialized equipment and materials from the American Printing House for the Blind
- ◆ Professional Library
- ◆ 3D Print Loan Library
- ◆ Information about Blindness/Low Vision education
- ◆ Toll free phone line and Technology Help Desk 1-855-435-4584
- ◆ Support for making educational materials accessible for special education students
- ◆ Online website for easy access to order materials for eligible students

For more information, contact Mary Jo M. Wagner, Director, at 304-822-4890 or by email at mwagner@k12.wv.us.

AEM Provided:

Students with a physical disability, Blind/Low Vision, or Specific Learning Disability who cannot use typical print-based materials effectively may be eligible to receive support from the Accessible Educational Materials contact person at the WVIRC. The student's IEP Team Members must consider the need for accessible educational materials and a print disability must be documented on the IEP.

Students May Benefit from AEM supports such as:

- ◆ Digital Text
- ◆ Audio Text
- ◆ Magnification Devices
- ◆ Communication Devices
- ◆ Assistance with print access
- ◆ Additional instruction, support or training to educators across the State of West Virginia

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