

Vermilion Association for Special Education

Visual Impairment Entrance Criteria

State/Cooperative Definition

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

Step 1: Identification of a Disability

Y N Identification of Disability

Medical Diagnosis: _____

Y N Documentation of visual impairment, even with correction

- _____ Light perception or less in better eye
- _____ Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye (corrected)
- _____ Visual acuity of 20/70 or less in the better eye (corrected)
- _____ Visual field of 20 degrees or less
- _____ Changing or degenerating visual conditions

Step 2: Determination of Adverse Effect

Y N Documentation of adverse effect on educational performance

Step 3: Determination of Need of Special Education Services

Y N The student requires specialized instruction to address the adverse effect of the delays on educational performance.

Step 4: Eligibility

Y N The student is entitled to special education services.

Physician/Optometry

_____ Report on File