



## Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center

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# Explanation of Eligibility Criteria

A student's right to receive accessible educational materials in braille, large print, audio or digital text, shall be determined as follows:

- The student is enrolled in an elementary or secondary educational program
- The student is eligible for or is already receiving services through an individualized educational program (IEP) or a 504 Accommodation Plan.
- The student meets one of the following eligibility requirements:

## Blindness:

The student meets the Utah State Office of Education eligibility criteria for legal blindness, i.e.: Blind persons whose visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or a very limited field of vision (20 degrees at its widest point), as determined by a competent authority.

## Visually Impaired:

The student meets the Utah State Office of Education eligibility criteria for visual impairment, i.e.: Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, prevents the reading of standard printed material, as determined by a competent authority.

## Physical Limitation:

The student is unable to read or to use standard print as a result of physical limitations to such a degree that their impairment makes it difficult or impossible for them to hold a book, turn the pages, or read standard print, as determined by a competent authority. Some examples of physical limitations include muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease, paralysis, missing arms or hands, or extreme weakness.

## Organic Dysfunction:

The student has reading limitations as a result of organic dysfunction (including dyslexia and learning disabilities) in and of sufficient severity to prevent the reading of printed materials in a normal manner. Eligibility **must** be certified by a doctor of medicine, a doctor of osteopathy, or be included on the student's IEP/504.

**The LEA is responsible to maintain documentation that would support a continued eligible print disability. This documentation may include the relevant pages of the IEP/504, evaluations, and the report of the competent authority or any other reports or information.**

**The signed eligibility form must be uploaded and shared (via Google Drive), or sent as an encrypted e-mail to [usimacorders@usdb.org](mailto:usimacorders@usdb.org) (you can expect to receive e-mail confirmation within 2-3 business days. if you don't receive confirmation please call customer service)**