Iowa AIM System

Accessible Instructional Materials

Eligibility Criteria under the 1996 Amendment to the Copyright Law (Chafee)

1. Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority*, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or whose widest diameter if visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.

3. Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority* as preventing the reading of standard printed material.

5. Persons certified by competent authority* as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations.

6. Persons certified by competent authority* as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent their reading printed material in a normal manner.

AIM derived from NIMAS filesets require eligibility under both IDEA and Chafee Amendment to the Copyright Law

Print Disabled

1996 Amendment to the Copyright Law (Chafee)

IDEA 300.172

Nothing in this section relieves an SEA of its responsibility to ensure that children with disabilities who need instructional materials in accessible formats, but are not included under the definition of blind or other persons with print disabilities in Sec. 300.172(e)(1)(i) or who need materials that cannot be produced from NIMAS files, receive those instructional materials in a timely manner.

Eligibility

Other Students with Print Disabilities

Acquisition

To meet requirements of a free, appropriate public education (FAPE), LEA's can acquire materials by:

IDEA and Chafee eligible students can acquire materials from the Iowa Department for the Blind

Specialized formats derived from NIMAS files acquired from the NIMAC, Bookshare, RFB&D and APH

For additional information, contact James Stachowiak at 319-335-5280 or james-stachowiak@uiowa.edu

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* CERTIFICATION FOR NIMAS ELIGIBILITY (Competent Authority)

In cases of Blindness, Visual Impairment, or Physical disability, certifying authorities include doctors of medicine or osteopathy, ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, therapists, professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public agencies (e.g., AEA support and related service personnel, teachers of the visually impaired, social workers, counselors, or rehabilitation teachers). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by professional librarians or by any person whose competence under special circumstances is acceptable to the Library of Congress. In the case of a Reading Disability from an organic dysfunction, the certifying authority must be a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.