

Vision Resource

Who qualifies for this service?

Students qualify for this service, as determined by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, if they have one of the following:

- a visual acuity of 6/21 (20/70) or less in the better eye after correction
- a visual field of 20 degrees or less
- any progressive eye disease with a prognosis of becoming one of the above in the next few years
- an uncorrectable visual problem or reduced visual stamina such that the student functions as if his/her visual acuity is limited to 6/21 (20/70) or less

Who provides the service?

Description of staff qualifications:

- a master's degree or diploma in the education of the visually impaired
- vision resource teachers may have orientation and mobility training and/or certification

How is the service provided?

Vision resource teachers:

- provide direct instruction in the areas of the expanded core curriculum:
 - visual efficiency skills
 - adapted technology
 - orientation and mobility
 - braille
 - social interactions skills
 - independent living skills
 - recreation and leisure skills
- contribute to Individualized Education Goals
- perform functional vision assessments
- consult with the School-Based Team regarding program requirements
- interpret ophthalmological reports
- make referrals to and collaborate with outside service providers
- request alternate format materials from the Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired (PRCVI) to support the student's curriculum (may include Braille, large-print materials, tapes, e-text, special kits, etc.)