

# Visual Impairment

## **Federal Definition**

An impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance (includes both partial sight and blindness).

## **State Definition**

The Illinois definition is the same as the federal definition stated above.

## **Diagnostic Criteria**

**Determinant Factors** If the student is not succeeding due to (a) lack of scientifically based practices and programs that contain the essential components of reading, (b) lack of instruction in math, or (c) Limited English Proficiency, the student is not eligible for services under IDEA.

## **Inclusionary Criteria**

- Visual acuity loss
- Visual field loss
- Changing or degenerating visual condition
- Neurological/cortical visual impairment
- Other

**Adverse Effect** Student's IEP requires individual statement of adverse effect.

Adversely affects educational performance in academic achievement, acquisition and execution of vocational/transition skills, social/emotional adjustment, and communication within the school setting and/or ability to access the general classroom environment independently.