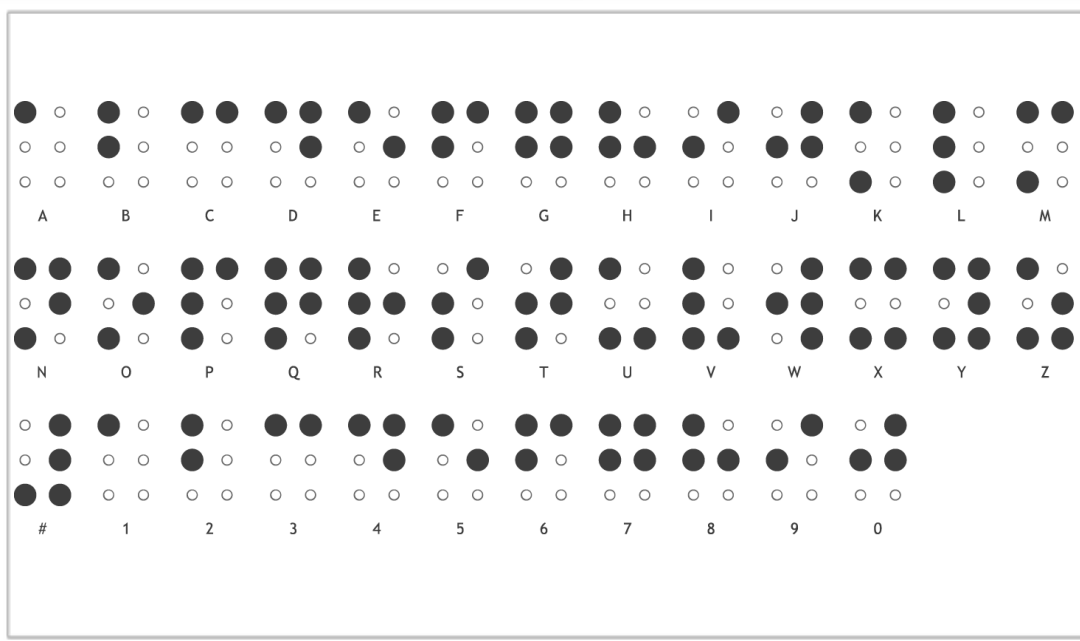


Visual Impairments



Examples of Accommodations Models

Hands-on experiences

Tactile graphics (maps, pictures, diagrams in tactile format)

Electronic access

Braille devices (notetakers, braille writers)

Highlighting

Preferential seating

Appropriate lighting (may be a type of light, placement of light, or amount of light)

Mobility tools (white cane)

Low vision devices

Speech access software

Talking calculator

How do we know what to do?

The eye report, completed by an ophthalmologist, gives insight on the eye condition and the specifics of that condition.

However, the individual's vision may be less or more functional in real environments, like at school or out in the community.

1

ASSESSMENTS

A functional vision, learning media, expanded core curriculum, and orientation and mobility assessment is completed.

2

ACCOMMODATIONS

Appropriate accommodations are determined based on the information from the eye report and the assessment reports.

3

INSTRUCTION

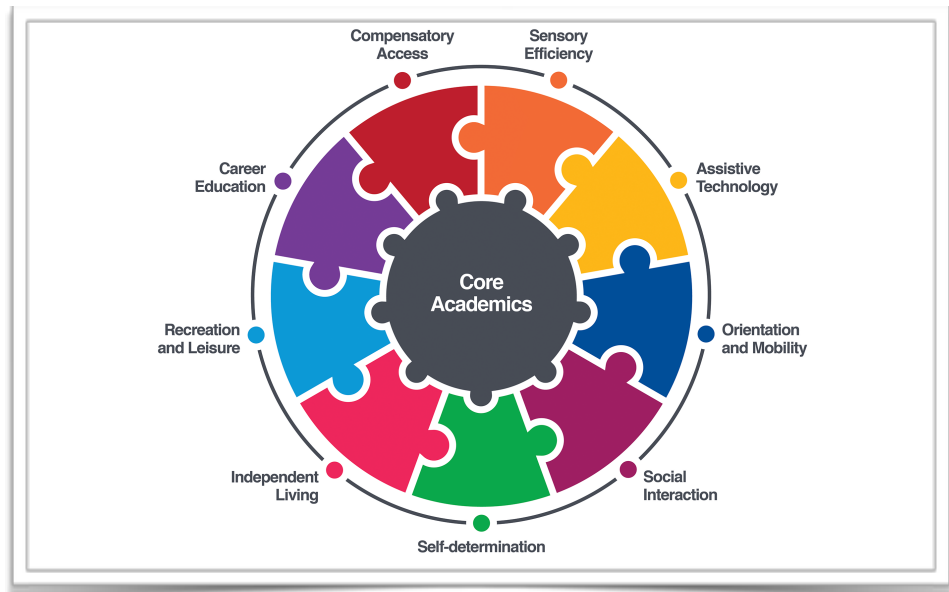
The individual receives Expanded Core Curriculum, orientation and mobility, and accommodation instruction as necessary.

Expanded Core Curriculum

Most children learn about the world around them by looking at their surroundings and adapting to what they see. For individuals with visual impairments, that incidental learning can be negatively affected.

So, children with visual impairments learn the Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC), which aims to directly teach concepts that most children learn through vision. The areas of the ECC are Compensatory Access, Sensory Efficiency, Assistive Technology, Orientation and Mobility, Social Interactions, Self-Determination, Independent Living, Recreation and Leisure, and Career Education. A teacher of students with visual impairments (TVI) provides direct instruction in these areas based on the assessments that are completed every 3 years. From washing clothes to nonverbal social skills, the ECC is a comprehensive curriculum that provides strategies and accommodations to children to help them succeed in multiple areas of life.

“Knowledge is love and light and vision” - Helen Keller



RESOURCES

Information and images retrieved from...

<https://www.perkins.org/school/ecc>

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/helen_keller_103465

<https://www.pharmabraille.com/pharmaceutical-braille/the-braille-alphabet/>

<https://www.nytransitmuseum.org/visit/accessibility/low-vision-icon/>

<http://www.familyconnect.org/info/education/know-your-rights/accommodations-and-modifications-at-a-glance/135>

