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**SERVICE NAME****VISION IMPAIRED INSTRUCTION SERVICES****SERVICE  
DESCRIPTION**

Students with visual impairments are a low incidence population who has unique instructional needs in order to be successful in a regular classroom. These needs for services, including accommodations and modifications, need to be provided by staff with special training. This service provides assessment, consultation and instruction for these students.

**PARTICIPATING  
DISTRICTS**

Chisago Lakes, East Central, Hinckley/Finlayson, North Branch, Pine City and Rush City

**SERVICE  
OUTCOMES**

This service will result in the following outcomes:

**Outcome 1**

Students who are visually impaired will be successfully included in the educational program.

**Outcome 2**

Staff who works with these students will receive the information they need to provide effective instruction

**SERVICE  
ACTIVITIES**

The Teacher of the Visually Impaired will conduct the following activities:

- Provide pre-referral consultation to school staff for students with vision-related concerns.
- Collaborate with general education and special education staff regarding modifications that may help students with visual impairments reach their special education goals.
- Interpret results of vision records and provide assessment of visual functioning in the school and/or home environment to determine the effect of a visual impairment on a student's ability to learn.
- Assist in IEP planning and implementation for students with visual impairments, including attending IEP and SST meetings, writing IEP goals related to visual impairments and providing training in the use and care of special equipment or environmental modifications.
- Provide instruction to students with visual impairments if that instruction is necessary for IEP goal attainment and cannot be provided by the school's special education or general education staff.
- Facilitate the acquisition of a Brailist.

- Facilitate the acquisition of taped, large print or Braille textbooks and materials.
- Coordinate orientation and mobility services as needed.
- Select special equipment and monitor its use.
- Provide deaf-blind services.
- Facilitate collaboration with medical service providers and the procurement of necessary documentation.
- Provide extended school year instruction and consultation as needed.

**BILLING FORMULA**

This service is billed using a cost per WADM formula. Districts are billed the percentage of costs equal to the percentage of their district's WADM in relationship to the total WADMs of participating districts.