

## Time to Request Braille & Large Print Texts for 2020-2021 School Year

*That's right!* If you will need braille or large print texts for your student with a visual impairment, it is NOT too early to order them for the upcoming school year.

If you are new to this process, please note that if your student is legally blind and registered for Federal Quota Funds, braille and large print textbooks may be available at no charge to your district if the text is available from the American Printing House for the Blind. If your student with a visual impairment is not legally blind, it is possible that I can loan a text from our repository of used texts. Contact me should you need additional information.

For those of you who are responsible for ordering braille textbooks, I highly recommend that you begin the process as soon as possible. As you know, it takes considerable time to transcribe a book. It is especially important to work on getting braille texts for math, science, and foreign languages.

Please send your request for texts in braille to me as soon as you can so that we can increase the likelihood that students requiring braille can have their texts on the desktop at the same time as other students. I will also process your requests for large print texts now if you so wish.

If I do not have a text in the MIRC book inventory and it is not available from the American Printing House f/t Blind, I will check other sources (NIMAC, Bookshare, Learning Ally, Wolfner Library, CBNP, etc.) and let you know where you may be able to obtain it.

A Textbook Request form is linked to our webpage: <http://msb.dese.mo.gov/outreach-services/mirc.html>. The form is a WORD document that you can save on your hard drive, complete, and email back to me as an attachment.

*Please be sure to order needed texts before you leave school for summer break.*

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