

# General Information

## Definition, Purpose, and Authority for Data Collection

The annual Registration of Students who are Legally Blind is the count of eligible students in each local education agency (LEA) in the State of Missouri as of the first Monday in January (**January 2, 2023**). This registration serves the following purpose: Generates federal funds for educational materials from the American Printing House (APH) for the Blind Federal Quota Program. **Reference: Section 101-106, 20 United States Code Annotated**

## District/Agency Responsibility

› Each LEA must complete the registration form with a signature of the Superintendent, Special Education Director, or designee and return by mail or email by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, to Gabrielle Borders, Missouri School f/t Blind, 3815 Magnolia Ave, St Louis, MO 63110.

- › It is the legal responsibility of each LEA to retain a copy of the eye/medical report, written education plan, the Parental Release of Information in the student file of those included on the registry in the event of an audit.

› **NOTE: Eye reports that were required for the 2023 Federal Quota Registration have been waived by APH. If you believe that your student either meets the definition of blindness or functions at the definition of blindness, please register them without a current eye report in the 2023 census.**

## Who to Register – Eligibility Requirements for Federal Quota Funds

To be eligible for registration in the Federal Quota Program a student **MUST** meet the following criteria, as outlined in the **Act to Promote the Education of the Blind**:

- Meet the definition of legal blindness:
  - › A central visual acuity of 20/200 or less (using the Snellen Chart or an acuity determined in Snellen equivalents) in the better eye with best correction or
  - › A peripheral field of vision no greater than 20 degrees or
  - › Functions at the definition of blindness (FDB) in which visual functioning is reduced by a brain injury or dysfunction and visual acuity is not possible to determine using the Snellen Chart as reported by an eye care specialist or other medical doctor
- Be enrolled in a formally organized educational program of less than college level. Note: The educational programs providing services to these students can include public, charter, private, parochial, home schools, or home bound.
- Be enrolled with the registering school or agency on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

## Eligibility of Infants, Preschool, Grade School, and Homebound Students

Students should be registered if they are enrolled in a formally organized, regularly scheduled educational or training program and have a written education plan.

## Eligibility of Students Who Are Home Schooled

In order for blind students enrolled in home school programs to prove eligibility for registration in Federal Quota Program, the home school program should meet guidelines and/or procedures in effect within the state.