



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3323.013 Individualized education program required for student with visual disability.

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(A) The individualized education program required for any student with a visual impairment under this chapter shall include the following, in addition to the statements required pursuant to section 3323.011 of the Revised Code:

(1) A statement that instruction in braille reading and writing was carefully considered for the student and that pertinent literature describing the educational benefits of instruction in braille reading and writing was reviewed by the persons developing the student's individualized education program;

(2) A statement specifying the one or more reading and writing media in which instruction is appropriate for the student's educational needs;

(3) If instruction in braille reading and writing is specified as appropriate for the student pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section, a statement of the instruction in braille reading and writing that is to be provided to the student. This statement shall specify the date on which the instruction is to commence, the frequency and duration of instruction sessions, the level of competency in braille reading and writing expected to be achieved annually, and the objective assessment measures to be used. Whenever appropriate, the expected level of braille competency for the student shall be to enable the student to communicate effectively and efficiently with the same level of proficiency expected of the student's peers of comparable ability and grade level and the instruction in braille reading and writing that is to be provided shall be designed accordingly.

(B) If the individualized education program for any student with a visual impairment does not specify instruction in braille reading and writing as appropriate for the student pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section, each annual review of that student's individualized education program shall include a written statement specifying the reasons why instruction in braille reading and writing is not appropriate for the student.



(C)(1) No student with a visual impairment shall be denied instruction in braille reading and writing pursuant to this section solely because the student has some remaining vision or because the student is to receive reading and writing instruction in another medium.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the exclusive use of instruction through the medium of braille reading and writing if other reading and writing media are appropriate to a student's educational needs.

(D) Any instruction in braille reading and writing provided to any student with a visual impairment pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section shall be provided by a teacher licensed to teach students with visual impairments.