

**ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION FOR SPECIALIZED FORMATS OF PRINT
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) 2004 includes a definition of students who may be provided with accessible textbooks created with NIMAS-conformant files from the National Instructional Materials Accessible Center (NIMAC). That definition, used within the legislation, is "blind or other persons with print disabilities." "Blind or other persons with print disabilities" means children served under IDEA who may qualify in accordance with the act entitled, "An Act to provide books for the adult blind," approved March 31, 1931 (2 U.S.C. 135a; 46 Stat. 1487) to receive books and other publications produced in specialized formats [674(e)(3)(A)].

In order to qualify to receive K-12 textbooks and core instructional materials in specialized formats, rendered from NIMAS files, the student must have: (1) an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP); and (2) a certification of a print disability, by a recognized competent authority, on file with school district. A competent authority is defined to include doctors of medicine, doctors of osteopathy, ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses, therapists, professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (e.g. social workers, counselors, rehabilitation teachers and superintendents).

In the case of a reading disability from organic dysfunction, competent authority is defined as doctors of medicine or osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

In order to receive specialized formats of K-12 print instructional materials derived from NIMAS conformant files, the rest of this form must be completed by a competent authority as listed.



TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:

I certify that the student named below is unable to read or use standard printed materials for the reasons(s) indicated below:

- BLINDNESS** Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or the widest diameter of visual field subtending an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- VISUAL DISABILITY** Inability to read standard printed material without aids or devices other than regular glasses.
- PHYSICAL DISABILITY** Inability to read or use standard printed material due to physical limitations.
- READING DISABILITY** Organic dysfunction of sufficient severity as to prevent reading standard print material in a normal manner

STUDENT NAME (Please Print) _____

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY TITLE _____ DATE _____

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ - PHONE (Office) _____ (Mobile) _____

Signature of Certifying Authority _____

(Original signature required - not a signature stamp; faxes or copies of the certification are not acceptable)