



Qualifying Students for Accessible Instructional Materials through NIMAS

1. Students must have an IEP.

Qualifying under Chaffee Amendment –

To be eligible to use NIMAS files, students must belong to at least one of the following groups:

- a. Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
 - b. Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of standard printed material.
 - c. Persons certified by competent authority as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations.
 - d. Persons certified by competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction.
2. **NOT Qualifying under Chaffee-** The teacher is required by IDEA to provide Accessible materials.
 - This can be done by providing teacher created original electronic documents and scanning materials using Kurzweil and Read & Write. IEP team can be a certifying agent.

Teachers and students need to be trained to utilize Kurzweil, and Read & Write for use with all Accessible Instructional Materials

4. At the IEP meeting, decisions regarding the following must be addressed:

a. Present Level of Performance:

b. What progress/testing/doctor certifications/deficits are evident to support print disabilities? “.....has been found eligible to receive accessible instructional materials though AIM-VA.”

c. Format of the accessible instructional materials:

- What format(s) does the student require? Braille; .pdf; epub; doc

Document in the accommodations section of the IEP – the need for accessible text and the file type of the text.

- d. **Does the student require services/training to utilize the materials?** (document in the supplemental aids and services)

- Training to use the text and device.
- Duration of services.
- Who will provide the services?
- Are the materials and AT needed for home use?

5. 504 Students are not eligible to receive Accessible Instructional Materials from AIM-VA. NNPS is still responsible for providing materials in an accessible format by direction of the ADA.

- Consult content area lead teachers for cd's, websites or additional resources which were adopted with textbooks.