

# Blindness/Visual Impairment

## What is it?

Under IDEA, Visual Impairment is: "an impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness" (IDEA)

## Visual Impairment and Art:



Outline things with a dark marker or Sharpie to be better seen.



Use contrasting colors.



Give tasks/assignments that allow tactile/kinesthetic learning.

## Technologies:



Screen Readers  
Braille Watches  
Screen Magnifiers  
Braille Printers

## Levels of Visual Impairments



#1

Low Vision



#2

Legal Blindness



#3

Cataracts



#4

Complete Blindness

## In the Classroom:



Use 3-Dimensional tactile objects/manipulatives in teaching



Guide students through description. Tell them what you see.



Get information and learn from experts in the community

## Culturally Responsive Pedagogy and Blindness/Visual Impairment



Uplift and celebrate Blind/Visually Impaired artists



Have all students participate in art projects in similar ways to avoid isolation

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