

Common Signs and Behaviors of Visual Problems:

Observable Signs:

- Red or drooping eyelids
- Watery eyes, discharge or crust on lids among lashes
- Crossed eyes
- Pupils of uneven size
- Eyes that move excessively

When to see the Doctor:

- Rubs eyes excessively
- Shuts or covers one eye or tilts head
- Sensitivity to light
- Squinting or blinking while reading or doing other close work
- Complains of aches in the eyes, headaches, dizziness or nausea after close eye work
- Difficulty in seeing distant object
- Tendency to reverse or confuse letters
- Tendency to lose place in sentence or page
- Poor spacing in writing and difficulty "staying on the line"



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INFORMATION RESOURCES

Michigan Department of Education Low Incidence Outreach

[Www.cenmi.gov/msdb-lio](http://www.cenmi.gov/msdb-lio)

Michigan Commission for the Blind

[Www.michigan.gov/dleg](http://www.michigan.gov/dleg)

American Printing House for the Blind

[Www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)

National Federation of the Blind

[Www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org)

American Foundation for the Blind

[Www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)



Special Education Programs and Services

Lapeer County Intermediate School District

Education and Technology Center

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Visually Impaired Services

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Visual Impaired Services

Teacher Consultant for the Visually Impaired

Teacher consultants for the visually impaired (VITC) work with students who are visually impaired, their families and school personnel in providing appropriate services, materials and equipment based on the students needs as determined by the Individual Education Plan Team (IEPT). Services may include:

- Conducting assessments to determine functional vision, reading media, visual efficiency, and technology needs.
- Instruction in Braille reading and writing.
- Instruction of compensatory skills such as interpreting tactile graphics, organizational skills, and daily living skills.
- Instruction in the use of adaptive equipment/technology
- Coordination of services with Michigan Commission for the Blind.

VITC Credentials

- Michigan Teaching certificate with endorsement in VI.
- Highly qualified under the No Child Left Behind (LCLB) Act.
- Full approval as teacher consultant for VI (M.A. in education and 3 years teaching experience).

Who is Eligible to Receive VI Services?

Students age 0-26 who have not graduated high school and have any of the following:

- Central visual acuity of 20/70 or less in the better eye after correction
- Peripheral field of vision restricted to not more than 20 degrees
- Diagnosed progressively deteriorating eye condition

Where do Service Occur?

Vision plays a primary role in learning and accessing information. In order to meet the specific needs of blind and visually impaired children, Lapeer County Intermediate School District (LCISD) provides itinerant services from qualified teachers of the visually impaired and orientation and mobility specialists, to students in the following settings:

- General and special education classrooms
- Center-based special education programs operated by LCISD.
- Community-based locations

Orientation and Mobility Specialist

Orientation and Mobility (O&M) services are provided to eligible students with a visual impairment to promote skills necessary for independent living, orientation to and safe movement within their environments. O&M services may include the following:

- Conducting assessments to determine functional vision and indoor and outdoor travel including around the community. These assessments may include parent /teacher interviews, student interviews and observations.
- Direct instruction in independent travel techniques within home, school and community settings.
- Instruction in the use of a long cane, mobility devices and orientation aids.
- Consultation with parents, educational staff, and outside resources.

O & M Credentials

- M.A. Orientation and Mobility
- National Certification through ACVREP