Certification Staffing Assignment
SPECIAL EDUCATION – BLIND/VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS
(Nursery-12)

The Special Education-Blind/Visual Impairments certification area includes the science or art of the provision of educational services to infants and children and young adults with visual impairments which adversely affect their educational performance, and a program that prepares individuals to teach such students.

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:
A person holding a valid PA certificate for Special Education-Blind/Visual Impairments is qualified to provide assistance to include: assess and develop individual education programs; provide instruction for blind/visually impaired students and apply applicable laws and policies, etc.

Certification Assignment:
An educator holding a valid PA certificate in Special Education-Blind Vision Impairments is qualified to teach Nursery-12th grade.

Certificate Clarification:
Older PA public school certificates which are applicable for teaching include the following: Teacher of Visually Impaired.

Special Considerations:
An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills and may serve in the role of mentor or advisor, and may assist students in understanding the "reading" content area materials related to subject areas.

Restrictions:
The certified educator is qualified to provide instruction in classroom orientation including the use of sighted guide techniques. Any additional instruction in the orientation and mobility for students with blindness/visual impairments (e.g. cane travel, street crossings) requires a professional certificate in orientation and mobility.

References:
Program Specific Guidelines for Certification

22 PA Code:	Chapter 4:	§4.21
		§4.22
		§4.23
	Chapter 49:	§49.11
		§49.81
	Chapter 14	
PA Public School Code:		§1202
		§1212
		§1604

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