

~~(E) "TEAM" MEANS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DEVELOP AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR A BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILD, INCLUDING AS APPROPRIATE, THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF THE CHILD, THE CHILD, THE TEACHER OF THE CHILD, AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM.~~

~~§ 3A-02. § 418.2.~~

~~(A) WHEN A TEAM DEVELOPS AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR A BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILD, THERE SHALL BE A PRESUMPTION THAT PROFICIENCY IN BRAILLE READING AND WRITING IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE CHILD TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY. IT SHALL CONSIDER THE NEED OF THE CHILD TO DEVELOP PROFICIENCY IN BRAILLE READING AND WRITING TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION.~~

~~*(B) (1) IN DEVELOPING THE INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR EACH BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENT, IT SHALL BE PRESUMED THAT PROFICIENCY IN BRAILLE READING AND WRITING IS ESSENTIAL TO ENABLE THE STUDENT TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY.*~~

~~(B) A CHILD~~

~~(2) A STUDENT MAY NOT BE DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INSTRUCTION IN BRAILLE READING AND WRITING SOLELY BECAUSE THE CHILD STUDENT HAS SOME DEGREE OF REMAINING VISION.~~

~~(C) (1) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES~~

~~*(3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF BRAILLE, IF THERE ARE IF OTHER READING AND WRITING MEDIA THAT ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE CHILD.*~~

~~(2) THE USE OF OTHER READING AND WRITING MEDIA MAY DOES NOT PRECLUDE BRAILLE USE OR INSTRUCTION THE USE OF BRAILLE OR THE INSTRUCTION OF BRAILLE.~~

~~(D) (4) (4) BRAILLE INSTRUCTION AND USE ARE NOT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IF, IN THE COURSE OF DEVELOPING THE STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM OF A CHILD, A TEAM REACHES A CONSENSUS THAT THE VISUAL DISABILITY OF THE CHILD DOES NOT AFFECT READING AND WRITING PERFORMANCE COMMENSURATE WITH THE ABILITY OF THE CHILD AND WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE FUTURE LITERACY NEEDS OF THE CHILD.~~

~~(2) WHEN A CONSENSUS MAY NOT BE REACHED, THE CHILD WHO IS BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED SHALL RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN ALTERNATIVE MEDIA TO BE AGREED ON BY THE TEAM.~~