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- Provide direct instruction to promote mastery of compensatory skills such as braille, abacus, low vision and blind-specific technology
- Provide consult services designed to support instruction
- Provide opportunities for improving functional skills specific to students with visual impairments
- Provide opportunities for improving social interaction with sighted and non-sighted peers and adults
- Provide opportunities to increase independent living skills
- Coordinate activities to increase recreation and leisure skills
- Facilitate activities to increase transition and post-secondary opportunities
- Provide assistive technology related to visual needs
- Provide experiential instruction for orientation and mobility
- Provide counseling services for students with visual impairments
- Provide consultative services designed to support instruction with students with low vision or blindness
- Adapt instructional materials (e.g., braille, large print, electronic, audio, tactile)
- Provide accessible instructional materials
- Administer assessments
- Participate in disability awareness training

Department Overview

The Vision Services Department mission is to meet the educational needs of students who have low vision or blindness by, assessing and identifying the educational needs of students related to their vision loss, providing access to the student's education curriculum, fostering focused core curriculum opportunities, collaborating with school stakeholders, and ensure that students receive their education in the most appropriate and least restrictive environment.

Performance Measures

<u>Customer Service</u>: Data is collected from customer service surveys and included as a discussion point during monthly team meetings. Information is utilized, along with current best practices, to improve Vision Services' processes and programming.

<u>Communication</u>: Highly effective communication is fostered through monthly department meetings, monthly student transition enrichment program (STEP) meetings, weekly site-based collaboration trainings (SBCT), ongoing collaborative meetings with teacher-leaders and supervisor, leadership meetings, community partnership meetings, Vision Services' team drive, and an electronic policies and procedures manual.

Consistency: Vision Services works collaboratively with all school stakeholders to provide instruction and focused core curriculum opportunities that enhance student achievement, promote independence and increase educational success.

Service by the Numbers

- Provides direct and/or consult special education services to approximately 400 students with low vision or blindness
- Produces accessible instructional materials including approximately 75,000 braille pages per year
- Collaborates with over 20 community partners including non-profit organizations, eye specialists, state agencies and recreational services.