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Department Overview

Vision Services meets the academic, social, and emotional needs of students with vision impairments by providing specialized instruction, empowering students to reach their full potential, promoting independence, fostering optimal learning opportunities, collaborating with school stakeholders, and ensuring students receive their education in the most appropriate and least restrictive environment. All provided services are aligned to the student's individual education plan.

Performance Measures

<u>Communication</u>: Monthly department meetings, monthly individual meetings with supervisors, monthly review of transition activities, and a written department policies and procedures manual are provided to ensure open and consistent communication.

<u>Consistency</u>: Vision Services works collaboratively with school sites, families, administrators, community organizations, and transition services to provide instruction and language opportunities that enhance achievement and improve graduation rates. This is achieved through partnerships with community agencies, informational packets, and monthly transitional activities.

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

Department Services

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- Instruction in braille and additional braille codes such as braille music and foreign language.
- Provides opportunities for improving functional skills specific to students with visual impairments.
- Provides opportunities for improving social interaction with sighted and non-sighted peers and adults.
- Provides opportunities to increase independent living skills.
- Coordinates activities to increase recreation and leisure skills.
- Facilitates activities to increase transition and post-secondary opportunities.
- Provides assistive technology related to visual needs.
- Provides experiential instruction for orientation and mobility.
- Provides counseling services for students with visual impairments.
- Provides consultative services to staff working with students with visual impairments.
- Adapts instructional materials (e.g., brailled, tactile).
- Provides accessible instructional materials.
- Administers assessments.
- Participates in disability awareness training.

