Availing of Educational Services

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Visual Impairment changes the way children obtain information about the world where they grow and function, and limits opportunities to learn through observation of visual elements in the school curriculum and the people around them. This means that, in addition to their regular classroom studies, children who are blind or visually impaired need to learn specialized skills from teachers and other people who are specially trained to teach these skills, such as certified instructors of visually impaired children and orientation and mobility specialists. The specialized skills visually impaired children must learn include:

1. **Technology and Computer Proficiency** - using computer and telecommunication equipment and software adapted for blind or visually impaired people.
2. **Literacy** - reading and writing with Braille, large print, optical devices, or training in the effective use of available vision.
3. **Safe and Independent Mobility** - using specific orientation and mobility techniques, long canes, or other mobility tools.
4. **Social Interaction Skills** - understanding body language and other visual concepts.
5. **Personal Management and Independent Living Skills** - learning specialized techniques for personal grooming, food preparation, money management, and other tasks.

Although many school programs provide the specialized instruction needed by students who are visually impaired, there is still so much room for improvement. Too many visually impaired students leave school without having mastered the skills or knowledge essential for further education, gainful employment, and independent living at home and in their communities.

The center conducts daily tutorials to those who are interested VI's, to learn the braille system and other assistive and adoptive devices.

Specialized Computer

JAWS (Job Access With Speech) - Assisted

One of the adaptive devices which provide speech technology that works on Windows operating systems to provide access to today's popular software and internet.

DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System)

Guide to people with print disabilities and a player which converts printed materials into audio format.