

# American Printing House (APH) Annual Census

**Counting all Students that meet the  
definition of Blind and Students that  
Function at the definition of Blind**

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The American Printing House was established in Louisville, Kentucky in 1858. It is the world's largest nonprofit organization creating accessible learning experiences through educational, workplace, and independent living products and services for people who are blind and visually impaired.

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APH is the sole national center of educational materials through **the Federal Act to Promote the Education of the Blind enacted by Congress in 1879**. This Act set up a system to provide free textbooks and other hands-on instructional materials for students in the United States who are blind.

# American Printing House (APH) and Federal Quota Funds

An annual registration of eligible students is conducted that determines a per capita amount of money designated by the U.S. Congress for the purchase of educational materials produced by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH). These funds are credited to Federal Quota accounts which are maintained and administered by APH and its Ex Officio Trustees throughout the country.

Each student registered brings approximately \$400.00 to the state to support the education of blind children across Georgia.

# APH Annual Census for the Blind

First Monday in January is the **official determining date for registration** of all students who meet the definition of blindness or function at the definition of blindness and are enrolled in a formally organized educational program at less than college level. Adult Students determined as eligible in the previous calendar year may be enrolled at this time. As of the 2018 census, each infant, preschool, or school-aged student must have a signed parent permission form to be registered in the Federal Quota Program.

Students are eligible if they meet 3 criteria.

1. Registered in school on 1/2/23
2. Are blind or functioning at the definition of blind
3. Have consent to release personal identifying information.

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The following information is necessary to update to ensure the accuracy of the student's record in the [GIMC online registration and ordering system](#). It is required to be filled in for each student that is being updated in the annual census.

**"Eye reports for students who meet the definition of blindness (MDF) and doctor's notes for students that function at the definition of blindness (FDB) have been waived for the 2023 Federal Quota Census".**

<sup>1</sup>Student Name, <sup>2</sup>GTID number, <sup>3</sup>Primary eligibility, <sup>4</sup>Grade, <sup>5</sup>Eye report date, <sup>6</sup>Title of person on report, <sup>7</sup>Type of written plan, <sup>8</sup>Plan date, <sup>9</sup>Primary reading medium, <sup>10</sup>Secondary reading medium, <sup>11</sup>Other reading medium, <sup>12</sup>Braille reading level, <sup>13</sup>Additional information as needed

# Vision Eligibility Guidelines

- Under IDEA's definition of Visual Impairment/Blindness, any impairment in vision, regardless of severity, is covered, provided that such impairment, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance.
- The evaluation of vision status and the need for special education and related services should be thorough and rigorous, include a data-based media assessment, be based on a range of learning modalities, including auditory, tactile, and visual, and include a functional visual assessment.
- [OSEP Letter VI Eligibility 5-22-17](#)

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