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Visual Impairment

- I. **Definition:** *Visual Impairment* (including blindness) means an impairment in vision that even with corrections, adversely affects a student's educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness.

- II. **Criteria for Eligibility:** (Criterion A and either B, C, D, or E must be met.)
 - A. Loss of vision which significantly interferes with the ability to perform academically and which requires the use of specialized textbooks, techniques, materials, or equipment.
AND
 - B. Visual acuity in the better eye or eyes together with best possible correction of
 1. Blindness – 20/200 or less distance and/or near acuity, **OR**
 2. Partial sight – 20/70 or less distance and/or near acuity. **OR**
 - C. Blindness due to a peripheral field, so contracted, that the widest diameter of such field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees and that it affects the student's ability to learn. **OR**
 - D. Progressive loss of vision which may, in the future, alter the student's ability to learn. **OR**
 - E. Other blindness resulting from a medically documented condition.