

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-10J-4

## **§18-10J-4. Standards of competency and instruction.**

Instruction in braille reading and writing shall be provided with the goal of enabling each blind or visually impaired child to communicate effectively and efficiently with the same level of proficiency expected of the child's peers of comparable ability and grade level. The child's individualized education program shall specify:

- (a) The results obtained from the evaluations required under section three of this article;
- (b) How braille will be implemented as the primary mode for learning through integration with other classroom activities;
- (c) The date on which braille instruction will commence;
- (d) The length of the period of instruction and the frequency and duration of each instructional session;
- (e) The level of competency in braille reading and writing to be achieved by the end of the period and the objective assessment measures to be used; and
- (f) If a decision has been made under section two of this article, that braille instruction or use is not required for the child:
  - (1) Documentation that the decision was reached after a review of pertinent literature describing the educational benefits of braille instruction and use; and
  - (2) A specification of the evidence used to determine that the child's ability to read and write effectively without braille instruction is not impaired.