



What is the AIM Center?

The AIM Center maintains a central depository of braille and large print textbooks and other specialized instructional materials for loan to Oklahoma students who cannot use regular print.

The AIM Center also maintains the Federal Quota Registry of blind and visually impaired children. The Registry is important because it draws federal funding to help states provide accessible instructional materials.



Who needs to know about the AIM Center?

- Teachers, special services coordinators, school administrators and other school personnel.
- Public and private schools.
- Parents and families.
- Sooner Start personnel.
- Students who have difficulty using regular print.

Who does the program serve?

Children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade who attend public and private schools in Oklahoma, or receive services from Sooner Start, and:

- are blind or are visually impaired;
- have a physical disability that makes it difficult to use regular print books and school materials; or
- have a medically diagnosed learning disability that makes it difficult to use regular print.

What services are available?

- Braille and large print textbooks.
- Braille and large print instructional materials such as tests, charts, and hand-outs.
- Specialized educational aids.
- Developmental toys and games to build concepts and enhance learning.
- Materials for writing braille and learning adaptive skills.
- Books with both braille and print text so that parents and teachers can share reading experiences with children who are blind.



The program lends instructional materials for students to use as long as needed during the school year.

The Center does not duplicate services available from other sources.

To obtain services:

Call, fax or email the AIM Center for information on how to request braille textbooks or other specialized instructional materials. Sooner Start coordinators and consultants may contact the program directly to request developmental aids for blind and visually impaired children from infancy through age three.

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For children who are blind...

The braille textbook depository, now the AIM Center, was established in response to recommendations from the Oklahoma Task Force on Braille Instructional Materials.

Created by the House Bill 1905 in 1997, the task force included educators, rehabilitation professionals, parents, braille technology experts and adults with visual disabilities. They discovered a statewide shortage of braille textbooks and other accessible school materials. To assure that children who cannot use regular print have an equal chance to learn, the panel advised creation of a central system to circulate braille and large print textbooks.

In 1999, the State Legislature provided funds to create a central depository at the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to loan braille and other specialized instructional materials to students. The depository ultimately became the Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) Center in 2006.



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