

IC 20-21-2

Chapter 2. Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

IC 20-21-2-1

Establishment; services provided

Sec. 1. The Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired is established as a state educational resource center that includes the following:

- (1) A residential and day school.
- (2) Outreach services.
- (3) Consultative services to local educational agencies to assist the agencies in meeting the needs of locally enrolled students with visual disabilities.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.52.

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Purpose

Sec. 2. The school shall provide for the instruction, education, and care of children who are determined to have a serious visual disability by case conference in accordance with Indiana law and federal law.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5.

IC 20-21-2-3

Educational facilities, educational programs, and training

Sec. 3. The school shall provide the following:

- (1) Educational facilities that meet standards established by the state board for regular public schools.
- (2) Educational facilities for school age individuals.
- (3) Educational programs and services to meet those special needs imposed by visual impairment so that a student with a visual disability (including a student with multiple disabilities with visual impairment) may achieve the student's maximum ability for independence in academic pursuits, career opportunities, travel, personal care, and home management.
- (4) Training to permit a student with a visual disability (including a student with multiple disabilities with visual impairment) to achieve the student's maximum development toward self-support and independence by the provision of services in counseling, orientation and mobility, and other related services.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.99-2007, SEC.162.

IC 20-21-2-4

Executive; appointment and qualifications

Sec. 4. (a) The board shall appoint the chief executive officer, subject to the approval of the governor. The executive serves at the pleasure of the board.

- (b) The executive appointee must have the following

qualifications:

- (1) Be an educator with knowledge, skill, and ability in the appointee's profession.
- (2) Have at least five (5) years experience in instruction of students with visual impairment disabilities.
- (3) Have a master's degree or a higher degree.
- (4) Meet the qualifications for an Indiana teacher's certificate in the area of visual impairment disabilities.
- (5) Have at least five (5) years experience supervising other individuals.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.53; P.L.100-2012, SEC.51.

IC 20-21-2-5

Executive; responsibilities

Sec. 5. (a) The executive, subject to the approval of the board and IC 20-21-4, has complete responsibility for management of the school.

(b) The executive has responsibility for the following:

- (1) Direction of the education, care, safety, and well-being of all students in attendance.
- (2) Evaluation and improvement of the school staff, educational programs, and support services.
- (3) Implementation and administration of the policies, mission, and goals of the school as established by the board.
- (4) Serving as the purchasing agent for the school under IC 5-22-4-8.
- (5) Implementation of budgetary matters as recommended by the board and the department of education under IC 20-21-3-10(b).
- (6) Management of the school's outreach program with local public schools.
- (7) Advocating on behalf of the school under guidelines established by the board.
- (8) Executing contracts on behalf of the school.

(c) The executive is the appointing authority for all employees necessary to properly conduct and operate the school.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.54.

IC 20-21-2-6

Students admitted to school

Sec. 6. Subject to:

- (1) the determination by case conference committees based on individualized education programs; and
- (2) the school's admissions criteria adopted by the board under IC 20-21-3-10(a)(4);

the executive shall receive as students in the school Indiana residents who are school age individuals with a visual disability.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.55; P.L.99-2007, SEC.163.

IC 20-21-2-7**Placement review committee**

Sec. 7. (a) A placement review committee for the school is established. The placement review committee consists of one (1) representative of each of the following:

- (1) The board.
- (2) The office of the secretary of family and social services.
- (3) The state superintendent.

(b) The placement review committee shall meet upon petition of an interested party to review the following:

- (1) Applications to the school denied through the process described in section 6 of this chapter.
- (2) All instances of dismissal from the school for reasons other than graduation, voluntary transition to another educational facility, or voluntary departure from the school.

(c) The executive shall serve as an adviser to the placement review committee. The executive shall provide the placement review committee with information and justification for all application denials and dismissals under review.

(d) The placement review committee may recommend that application denials or dismissals be reconsidered.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.56.

IC 20-21-2-8**Expenses of certain students to be paid by county**

Sec. 8. Upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence showing that:

- (1) there is a school age individual with a visual disability residing in a county;
- (2) the individual is entitled to the facilities of the school;
- (3) the individual's parent wishes the individual to participate in the school's educational program but is unable to pay the expenses of maintaining the individual at the school; and
- (4) the individual is entitled to placement in the school under section 6 of this chapter;

a court with jurisdiction shall, upon application by the county office of the division of family resources, order the individual to be sent to the school at the expense of the county. The expenses include the expenses described in section 10 of this chapter and shall be paid from the county general fund.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.146-2008, SEC.457; P.L.44-2009, SEC.33.

IC 20-21-2-9**Applicability of compulsory school attendance laws**

Sec. 9. The compulsory school attendance laws of Indiana apply to all children with visual disabilities. The case conference committee may place a child with a visual disability at the school. The child shall attend the school during the full scholastic term of the school unless the case conference committee changes the placement.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5.

IC 20-21-2-10

Provision of medical care, basic necessities, and transportation to students

Sec. 10. (a) The school shall provide board, room, laundry, and ordinary medical attention, including emergency medical attention.

(b) While a student is enrolled at the school, the student's parent, guardian, or responsible relative or another person shall provide medical, optical, and dental care involving special medication or prostheses.

(c) While a student is enrolled at the school, the student's parent, guardian, or another responsible relative or person shall suitably provide the student with clothing and other essentials not otherwise provided under this article.

(d) The school corporation in which the student has legal settlement shall pay the cost of transportation required by the student's individualized education program under IC 20-35-8-2. However, the student's parent, guardian, or another responsible relative or person shall pay the cost of transportation not required by the student's individualized education program.

(e) The student's parent, guardian, or another responsible relative or person shall provide the incidental expense money needed by the student.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5.

IC 20-21-2-11

Adult education program

Sec. 11. (a) The school may establish an adult education program.

(b) The school may establish an appropriate fee for services for an adult education program. Federal grants or matching funds may also be used, subject to approval of the budget agency.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5.

IC 20-21-2-12

Vocational work-study program

Sec. 12. The school may establish a vocational work-study program.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5.

IC 20-21-2-13

Receipt of gifts, legacies, devises, and conveyances

Sec. 13. The executive may, subject to the approval of the governor and the policies of the board, receive, for the use of the school, gifts, legacies, devises, and conveyances of real or personal property that are made, given, or granted to or for the school.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.57.