



## Vision Therapy- Vision Services A Comparison

	<b>Private/Medical Vision Therapy/ Vision Therapist</b>	<b>Public Schools Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired (TVI)</b>
<b>Determination of Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prescribed, provided, and monitored by an eye care professional optometrist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IEP team determines if a student meets disability category criteria as defined under state rule <a href="https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/pi/11/36/3">https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/pi/11/36/3</a></li> <li>- Specially Designed Instruction determined by IEP Team and provided by TVI</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private</li> <li>- May be covered by major medical OR</li> <li>- Fee-for-service payment by family or insurance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 100% covered by Local Education Agency (LEA)</li> <li>- Free and appropriate public education (FAPE)</li> </ul>
<b>Disability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eye exam required (Functional optometric assessment)</li> <li>- Seldom acuity factor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eye exam required (Ophthalmologist or Optometrist)</li> <li>- Blind and visually impaired means even after correction a child's visual functioning adversely affects educational performance</li> </ul>
<b>Delivery Model</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private clinic</li> <li>- As determined by prescription (short term, 7-14 months)</li> <li>- Direct 1-on-1 or 1-on-2</li> <li>- Consultation to classroom and parent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School and community</li> <li>- As determined by IEP (service evaluated yearly)</li> <li>- Direct instruction</li> <li>- Indirect instruction (teach others to provide instruction that requires repetition throughout the day to obtain generalization of the skill)</li> <li>- Consultation to classroom and parent</li> </ul>
<b>Type of Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment</li> <li>- Development of vision skills such as convergence/divergence, focus and track. May include vision perception and eye-hand-foot-brain coordination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment</li> <li>- Development of academic and functional skills related to vision loss</li> <li>- Compensatory strategies</li> <li>- Accommodations and modifications</li> </ul>
<b>Credentials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Doctor of Optometry degree (OD)</li> <li>- Credentials "FCOVD" designates a doctor as board certified in this area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BS or MS degree with certification in education of the visually impaired</li> </ul>
<b>Inclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Typically, correctable vision in one eye</li> <li>- 20/70 or better acuity in one eye with correction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visual functioning adversely affects educational performance</li> <li>- Need for specially designed instruction</li> </ul>

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