

Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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What is available through Federal Quota?

A wide variety of specially designed and adapted materials are available from APH. Products are available in each area of the core curriculum and expanded core curriculum, such as:

- English and Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science and Health
- Social Studies
- Fine Arts
- Vocational Education
- Physical Education
- Communication Modes and Literacy
- Sensory Efficiency and Low Vision
- Orientation and Mobility
- Assistive Technology
- Career Education and Transition
- Self Determination
- Daily Living and Social Interaction
- Recreation and Leisure

Quota products can be found in the <u>APH catalogs</u> and the <u>APH shopping site</u>. Products are available on Quota unless otherwise stated.

The eligibility of specific products for Federal Quota funds is determined by the **APH Trustee Advisory Committee (TAC Team).**

The identification of a needed product that is not commercially available leads to research and the development of a prototype and to field testing/expert review that refines effectiveness and safety. At this point, the Educational Product Innovation Department turns over the product specifications to manufacturing. Once the product is manufactured, it is inventoried and made available for sale.

APH develops products not commercially available

New and adapted materials are developed at APH by our Educational Product Innovation Department. The ideas for products come from the field as well as from APH staff. As these ideas are accepted for development, all are judged on the following three criteria: relevance, research, and utility.

How are APH materials accessed?

You may access many of these materials through the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (WCBVI) Accessible Educational Materials (AEM) Center for students who are formally registered through the APH Federal Quota Program in Wisconsin.

- APH CONSUMABLE materials such as early literacy braille and tactile books, braille and bold line paper, folders, braille writing tools, and tactile stickers are available through WCBVI AEM Center to eligible children and students.
- Some of the APH CAPITAL EQUIPMENT available through WCVBI AEM Center includes light boxes and braille writers.
- APH HIGH-COST TECHNOLOGY devices may also be available for short term loan through WCBVI AEM Center. Loan periods vary in length but are intended to provide school districts with a cost-effective method of testing products prior to committing district funds to purchase them for students.
- Educational reading materials in braille, large print and digital options may be available to eligible children and students as well.
- Many products in areas of the core curriculum and Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) are also available and include (but are not limited to):
 - English and Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Health, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Vocational Education, Physical Education
 - Communication Modes and Literacy, Sensory Efficiency and Low Vision, Orientation and Mobility, Assistive Technology, Career Education and Transition, Daily Living and Social Interaction/Self Determination, Recreation and Leisure

To research APH Federal Quota materials available through WCBVI AEM Center and to learn how to request materials, visit the WCBVI AEM Center website.