

281—41.210(256B,34CFR300) Purchase of instructional materials.

41.210(1) General. An AEA, an LEA, or any other public agency, when purchasing print instructional materials, must acquire those instructional materials for children who are blind or visually impaired or for other persons with print disabilities in a manner consistent with subrule 41.210(3) and ensure delivery of those materials in a timely manner to those children.

41.210(2) Rights and responsibilities of AEA or LEA. Nothing in this rule relieves the LEA or AEA or any other public agency of its responsibility to ensure that children with disabilities who need instructional materials in accessible formats, but who are not included under the definition of persons who are blind or visually impaired or other persons with print disabilities in paragraph 41.210(4) “a” or who need materials that cannot be produced from NIMAS files, receive those instructional materials in a timely manner, as defined in paragraph 41.172(1) “b.”

41.210(3) Preparation and delivery of files. Because the state chooses to coordinate with the NIMAC, an AEA, an LEA, or any other public agency must:

a. As part of any print instructional materials adoption process, procurement contract, or other practice or instrument used for purchase of print instructional materials, enter into a written contract with the publisher of the print instructional materials to:

(1) Require the publisher to prepare and, on or before delivery of the print instructional materials, provide to NIMAC electronic files containing the contents of the print instructional materials using the NIMAS; or

(2) Purchase instructional materials from the publisher that are produced in, or may be rendered in, specialized formats.

b. Provide instructional materials to persons who are blind or visually impaired or other persons with print disabilities in a timely manner.

41.210(4) Definitions. The following definitions apply to this rule and rule 281—41.172(256B,34CFR300), and apply to each state and LEA, regardless of whether the state or LEA chooses to coordinate with the NIMAC:

a. “Persons who are blind or visually impaired or other persons with print disabilities” means children served under this chapter who may qualify to receive books and other publications produced in specialized formats in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 135a and 36 CFR 701.6. Persons who may receive material in specialized formats include persons who are blind, who have visual disabilities, who have certain physical disabilities, or who have reading disabilities resulting from organic dysfunction as those terms are defined in 36 CFR 701.6(b)(1) and who have obtained certification from a “competent authority” as defined in 36 CFR 701.6(b)(2).

b. “National Instructional Materials Access Center” or “NIMAC” means the center established pursuant to Section 674(e) of the Act.

c. “National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard” or “NIMAS” has the meaning given the term in Section 674(e)(3)(B) of the Act.

d. “Print instructional materials” has the meaning given the term in Section 674(e)(3)(C) of the Act.

e. “Specialized formats” has the meaning given the term in Section 674(e)(3)(D) of the Act.

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