

Orientation and Mobility

Definitions.

(g) Orientation and mobility services - services provided to blind or visually impaired students by qualified personnel to enable those students to attain systematic orientation to and safe movement within their environments in school, home, and community.

1. Includes teaching students spatial and environmental concepts and use of information received by the senses, such as sound, temperature and vibrations, to establish, maintain, or regain orientation and line of travel, i.e., using sound at a traffic light to cross the street.
2. Includes teaching students to use the long cane to supplement visual travel skills or as a tool for safely negotiating the environment for students with no available travel vision.
3. Includes teaching students to understand and use remaining vision and distance low vision aids, and other concepts, techniques, and tools.
4. Improving the student's mobility and functional travel training within the educational environment which will include the school and community as directed by the IEP.