



Offering a continuum of services for children throughout New Mexico

Mission Statement:

NMSBVI, an innovative leader and unifying entity in the field of educating students birth-high school who are blind or visually impaired, will identify and ensure quality education through collaborative relationships with students, families, and local/ state/national partners to provide outstanding advocacy, training, resources, and support services, thus ensuring that all students who are blind or visually impaired will become independent, productive members of their communities.



NMSBVI is a resource for every district in New Mexico with students who have visual impairments or blindness

Outreach Services: Our outreach department is available to come out to your district to consult, do evaluations, help identify needs in your district, train staff who work with students with visual impairments, give ideas for programming, mentor intern TVIs etc....



Residential Campus Alamogordo



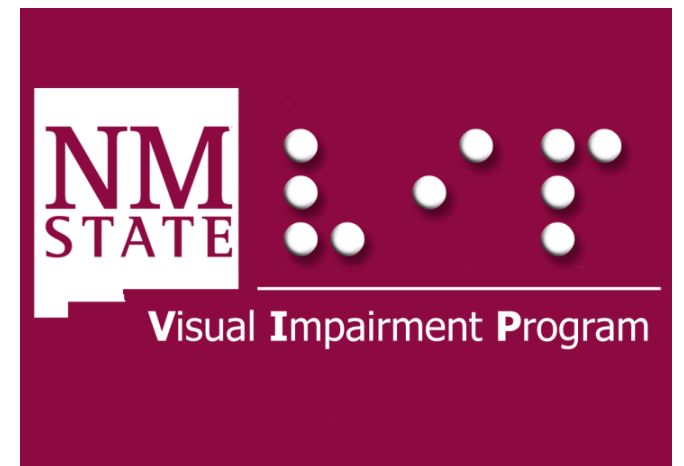
- ❖ Short term placements for targeted skills related to visual impairment (Braille, technology, O&M, Independent Living Skills...)
- ❖ Placement on residential campus
- ❖ School staff can come and observe a program (we have preschool-post-high school in all ability levels)



NMSBVI can help you find service providers for your students with visual impairments/blindness

- ❖ Provide names/numbers of contractors in your area
- ❖ Check to see if a nearby district may be able to share staff
- ❖ Find a teacher to place in the NMSU Visual Impairment Program

(Currently exploring doing limited direct services)



VIP Program at NMSU

- ❖ Tuition is provided through a scholarship with agreement to work in the field in NM
- ❖ Hybrid program: Online with some face to face weekends
- ❖ Program takes 2 years
- ❖ NMSBVI Outreach Department provides mentorship in your district throughout the program



BRAILLE

Unified English Braille (UEB)

Officially changed to UEB in Jan 2016





UEB BRAILLE

What do districts need to do?

Check to make sure TVI's are learning the new code
and teaching it to their students who use braille

PARCC for 2017: Elementary students will test in UEB

All other grades will still test in EBAE (the old code)



UEB Training Resources

Hadley School for the Blind: Transition to UEB Course. Hard copy version for braille readers, online for sighted learners. <http://www.hadley.edu/> **Free**

Australian Course: Online course. <http://uebonline.org/login/> **Free**

Transcriber's Course: <https://nfb.org/braille-transcribing> **Free**

UEBot online course: <http://uebot.niu.edu/index.php?page=home> **Free**

Resources available:

BANA <http://www.brailleauthority.org/index.html>



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