



Accessible Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities in Virginia

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What is AIM-VA?

The Accessible Instructional Materials Center of Virginia (AIM-VA) is the new resource for Virginia educators to request instructional materials in accessible formats for students with print disabilities.

What are accessible instructional materials?

Accessible instructional materials are educational materials in alternate formats produced and published for students with print disabilities. AIM-VA provides the following accessible formats of materials:

Accessible Portable Document Format (PDF)	Large Print
Braille	MS Word Doc
Braille Ready Format (brf)	NIMAS -Virginia Format
Digital Audio (MP3)	Recorded Audio
Digital Talking Book (Daisy) (DTB)	Rich Text Format (rtf)

Who is eligible for accessible instructional materials?

The National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS) offers students with print disabilities access to instructional materials. These students must meet the federal requirements for print disabilities as indicated in the Copyright Act of 1931 as Amended (Chafee Amendment).

What are print disabilities?

Print disabilities may be one or more disabilities, including a learning disability, a visual impairment, or a physical disability. Students diagnosed with a print disability are unable to gain information from standard printed materials and need an accessible learning tool to access the information provided in written texts.

How do students with print disabilities get access to accessible instructional materials?

The superintendent of each school interested in accessible instructional materials must designate a local level staff person to act as the Digital Rights Manager (DRM). The DRM is responsible for ordering accessible instructional materials electronically through the AIM-VA online catalog (www.aimva.org).

How do I get started?

Visit the AIM-VA website at www.aimva.org. This website provides more in-depth information on print disabilities, accessible instructional materials, and how to access the AIM-VA online catalog. You can also contact the AIM-VA librarian for more information on how to get started:

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