

APH Federal Quota Parent/Guardian Informational Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the New Hampshire Department of Education will be facilitating the completion of the annual American Printing House for the Blind (APH) Federal Quota Census beginning the first Monday in January through the middle of February. This federally funded program provides accessible educational materials to qualifying individuals with visual impairment and blindness to be used in the home, agency or school setting, so the more infants, toddlers, students, and adults registered, the more resources for eligible individuals in New Hampshire. Your child(ren) qualifies to be registered on the Quota because he/she Meets or Functions at the Definition of Blindness, OR because they qualify under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Definition of Visual Impairment “an impairment in vision, that, even with correction, adversely affects a child's educational performance” (34 CFR §300.8(c)(13)).

In order to be included on the APH Federal Quota Census, eligible individuals must be registered which requires sharing the name(s) of your child(ren), their birthdate, agency or school district, grade placement, primary and secondary reading medium, and indication of visual function. This information is only collected to meet the APH reporting obligations to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, and other entities as required by law. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires your consent to release your child's personally identifiable information for these purposes. Consent to include your child in the APH Federal Quota Census also allows the purchase of products and materials from APH on behalf of your child. You may choose not to provide your consent, however, doing so will mean fewer federal resources allocated to New Hampshire eligible individuals.

The APH Federal Quota Census Registration is completed under the supervision of the New Hampshire Ex Officio Trustee (EOT) designated to oversee the respective APH accounts for New Hampshire. If you have questions or concerns regarding the APH Federal Quota Census Process, please contact Lynnette Lawrence, NH Ex Officio Trustee, at lynette.e.lawrence@doe.nh.gov or (603) 271-3294.

What Accessible Educational Materials are Available?

A wide variety of specially designed and adapted materials are available from APH. APH product categories include:

Instructional Materials

- Assessment
- Early Childhood
- Core Curriculum
- Expanded Core Curriculum
- Software
- Professional Items
- Videos
- Accessible Magazines
- Spanish Language Materials

Daily Living

- Audio Equipment
- Books and Magazines
- Braille Reading and Writing
- Electronics
- Games, Puzzles, and Toys
- Low Vision Reading and Writing
- Maps and Globes
- Measuring Devices
- Organization Products
- Orientation and Mobility
- Tactile Learning Products
- Transition and Career Education

APH products can be accessed on the [APH Shop](#) site.