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**CHAPTER 0520—4—3
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES - STATE SPECIAL SCHOOLS**

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0520—4—3—.01 STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO THE TENNESSEE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

- (1) Tennessee children ages 4-21 whose visual impairments are of such quality and magnitude that they are unable to see well enough to receive an appropriate education by using materials, equipment and supplies provided for children with normal vision shall be eligible for admission to the Tennessee School for the Blind. Eligibility for admission shall be determined by the Superintendent of the Tennessee School for the Blind and shall be based on the following criteria:
 - (a) The child meets one or more of these visual requirements.
 1. Visual acuity not better than 20/200 in the better eye with best correction.
 2. A field defect in which the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.
 3. Visual acuity not better than 20/100 supported by an ophthalmological statement that visual acuity is decreasing rapidly.
 - (b) The Tennessee School for the Blind has a program designed to meet the child's needs.
 - (c) The child has been evaluated and referred by his local school system for services at the school.
- (2) All applications will be accompanied by a complete ophthalmological report. The visual findings of the ophthalmologist employed by the school shall be final.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49—10—701 and 49—10—801. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 26, 1986; effective November 29, 1986. Repeal and new rule filed March 16, 1992; effective June 29, 1992.

0520—4—3—.02 STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO THE TENNESSEE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND WEST TENNESSEE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

- (1) Tennessee children ages 4-21 (and 3 years old deaf) who are hearing impaired and who because of that impairment cannot be appropriately served in a local school district and whose parents or guardians are residents of the State of Tennessee shall be eligible for admission to the Tennessee School for the Deaf. Consideration for admission shall be on the referral by a local school system. Admission shall be determined on the basis of evaluations conducted by the Child Study Center at the Tennessee School for the Deaf, and will take into consideration the following criteria:
 - (a) A sensorineural hearing loss greater than 50db in the speech frequencies in the better ear.

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- (b) Inability to discriminate speech normally (less than 80% with a hearing aid) through hearing alone as measured by a standardized test.
- (c) Ability to function in a group living and learning situation.
- (d) Available space.
- (e) Availability of an appropriate program.

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0520—4—3—.03 DUTY FREE LUNCH AT STATE SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

- (1) All teachers, grades kindergarten through 12, shall have a duty-free lunch period of at least the length of the student lunch period.
- (2) During the duty-free lunch period teachers shall have no other assigned responsibilities.

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