



WHAT IS THE FEDERAL QUOTA REGISTRATION?

The *Federal Act to Promote the Education of the Blind* enacted by Congress in 1879 established funding support for the provision of accessible educational materials (AEM) for registered students who meet the definition of legal blindness. This annual registration process determines a per capita amount of money designated for the purchase of AEM. In Ohio, these funds are administered by the AT&AEM Center, which is required to purchase AEM specifically from the American Printing House for the Blind, Inc. (APH) on behalf of eligible students at the request of districts. These funds are supplemental and may not address all of a student's AEM needs. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the local school district to purchase or acquire any additional AEM needed by their students. This annual registration is separate from and not a part of the data reporting for EMIS or deaf blind census.

If you have questions regarding these procedures, visit www.ataem.org/fed-quota or contact:

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FEDERAL QUOTA REGISTRATION OF BLIND STUDENTS

REGISTER

Each **December**, the AT&AEM Center emails registration information for the annual Federal Quota Registration of Blind Students to Ohio superintendents on behalf of the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children. Each superintendent is asked to register every infant, preschool, school-age, homebound, home schooled or adult student who is legally blind, meets the eligibility criteria (ataem.org/obtaining-aem/federal-quota), and is enrolled in an educational program as of the **first Monday in January**. Superintendents must submit all eligible students electronically by the last Friday of February each year.* Superintendent signature is required for students to be registered.

REQUEST

The AT&AEM Center's role is to assist school personnel in locating audio, braille, digital, and large print textbooks; instructional aids and tools; and specialized equipment for students in Ohio with print disabilities, including those students who are blind. Materials can be requested for students by using the Online Order Request Portal (<https://ohioaem.ataem.org>).

RECEIVE

The AT&AEM Center strives to ensure that students receive their needed AEM and learning materials in a timely manner at the beginning of the school year. Requests for the upcoming school year can be submitted starting in **January of the previous school year** and are processed in the order received. Order materials no later than the spring prior to the school year of need to ensure timely delivery to students.

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