For information about Montana School for Deaf and Blind Services:

http://www.msdb.mt.gov/

If you have a child with blindness, deafblindness, or low vision in your classroom:

1. Contact the Teacher of Visually Impaired (TVI) that serves your area of the state or call Carol Clayton-Bye 771-6000
2. Obtain an up-to-date eye report
3. Your TVI will conduct a Functional Vision Evaluation and Learning Media Assessment (FVE/LMA)
4. Accommodations, modifications, needs in the Expanded Core Curriculum for Visually Impaired will be determined by the FVE/LMA
5. The team meets to determine appropriate programming

General Guidelines for Classrooms

1. Reduce visual clutter in the classroom
2. Reduce visual clutter on materials (enlarging can do this)
3. Auditory description of visual presentation
4. Allow student to adjust lighting (some students need more light others need lights turned down)
5. Allow student to change position in order to meet visual needs
6. Provide direct instruction in the use of recommended technology
7. Provide direct instruction in expanded core areas (Orientation and Mobility and Braille are two examples)
8. Keep bank of windows at the back of the student and don’t stand in front of a bank of windows or other light source while teaching
10. This one is written for parents but a good resource for teachers too http://www.familyconnect.org/info/education/know-your-rights/accommodations-and-modifications-at-a-glance/135

Please feel free to contact me! I can most quickly respond to email and texts while I am traveling.

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