

Michigan - Who should be registered with DB Central?

Individuals with both vision and hearing losses represent a heterogeneous group and include:

Individuals who have a cochlear implant and either a documented vision loss or demonstrate inconclusive responses during evaluations.	Individuals who are both deaf and blind as demonstrated by accurate vision and hearing tests (including those with additional disabilities);	Individuals who have hearing and visual impairments of a mild to severe degree (including those with additional disabilities);	Individuals who may have been diagnosed as having a degenerative pathology or disease which will affect vision and/or hearing (including those with additional disabilities);	and, Individuals with multiple disabilities who may demonstrate inconclusive responses during evaluations or in the natural environment to visual and auditory stimuli.
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This is a functional definition of DeafBlindness. What this means is that, in Michigan, a person is considered DeafBlind for purposes of the census or receiving services from DB Central if they have both a documented vision and a documented hearing impairment ranging from mild to severe; OR, they *function* as if they have both a hearing and vision loss, based upon inconsistent responses to auditory and visual stimuli in the environment or inconclusive responses during hearing and vision evaluations. A conclusion that a child is functionally deaf-blind may be reached based upon educational evaluation for purposes of initially reporting that child to DB Central.

A student can be registered with DB Central regardless of educational label.

-This form was developed based on a form developed by the IN DeafBlind Project-