

Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE): Special Education Specialist: Visually Impaired— Braille Transcription Assignment

Specifications

In the transcription section, representation of words (including contractions), partial words, letters, numbers, and symbols must be exactly accurate.

Scores are based on 32 words (including contractions), partial words, letters, numbers, and symbols from the passage, selected in advance of the assessment administration. Capitalization and punctuation may be considered in scoring. The use of short-form words in conjunction with whole-word, part-word, and other classes of contractions must be exactly accurate.

Directions for Scoring the Special Education Specialist: Visually Impaired Braille Transcription Assignment

The second section of this assessment involves transcribing a passage into Unified English Braille (UEB). Your transcription must be made using a Classic Perkins Braille® that can accommodate the 11" × 11.5" paper provided by your assessment administrator. You must use a 40-cell line and should make maximum use of each line. However, do not divide or hyphenate words at the end of a line. Your transcription should be done in Unified English Braille (UEB). It is not necessary to number your pages in braille.

The following errors will be counted as incorrect in your transcription.

- contractions omitted or misused
- characters misformed (including added or omitted dots)
- characters inserted or omitted
- text omitted or repeated
- spacing errors
- format irregularities
- punctuation or composition signs omitted or inserted
- erasures detectable by touch

BRAILLE TRANSCRIPTION	NOTATION	NOTATION DESCRIPTION
Items 1–32	C	Correct—the candidate's response is a correct and appropriate representation of the word, partial word, letter, number, or symbol transcribed from the written passage, i.e., the response conforms to the standards of Unified English Braille (UEB).

If the response is not correct, circle **one** of the following choices:

BRAILLE TRANSCRIPTION	NOTATION	NOTATION DESCRIPTION
Items 1–32	NC	Not Correct—the candidate's response is an incorrect representation of the word, partial word, letter, number, or symbol transcribed from the written passage, i.e., the response does not conform to the standards of Unified English Braille (UEB)..
Items 1–32	U	Unscorable—the candidate's response is illegible or is not in Braille.
Items 1–32	B	Blank— There is no response to the assignment.

Special Education Specialist: Visually Impaired Score Point Descriptions

The Special Education Specialist: Visually Impaired assignment is a transcription task. In a transcription task, 32 elements are underlined. Each of these underlined elements is considered in scoring candidates' responses.

SCORE POINT	CORRECT	INCORRECT
4	30-32	0-2
3	28-29	3-4
2	26-27	5-6
1	0-25	7-32
U	The response is Unscorable because it is too incomplete to score (i.e., unrelated to the assignment, is unreadable, is not in Braille, or does not contain a sufficient amount of work to score).	
B	There is no response to the assignment.	