

# Archived Information

## AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

<b>Goal:</b> Pre-college-level blind students will receive appropriate educational materials which result in improved educational outcomes.  <b>Legislation:</b> Act to Promote the Education of the Blind of March 3, 1879 (20 U.S.C. 101 et. seq.).	<b>Funding History</b> (\$ in millions)			
	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>
	1985	\$6	2000	\$10
	1990	\$6	2001	\$12
	1995	\$7	2002 (Requested)	\$12

Note: Excludes a permanent annual appropriation of \$10,000; reflects enacted supplementals, rescissions, and reappropriation.

### Program Description

The purpose of the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is to provide high-quality educational materials to legally blind persons enrolled in educational or vocational training programs below the college level so that these students may benefit more fully from their educational programs. APH produces and maintains an extensive inventory of materials for the blind--such as textbooks in braille and large type, and in recorded form; tangible teaching devices; microcomputer hardware and software; educational tests and performance measures; and special instructional aids, tools, and supplies necessary for the education of students who are blind. Materials are manufactured and made available free of charge to schools and states through proportional allotments that reflect the number of blind students in each state.

The allotments are based on an annual census conducted by APH of the number of students who are legally blind in each state and are provided in the form of credits. State educational agencies and programs serving persons who are blind may order materials free-of-charge up to the amount of funds allocated to each state for educational materials. Approximately 85 percent of the appropriation is used to cover the cost of operations to produce these materials. The Printing House also uses a portion of these funds to conduct research related to developing and improving products and to provide advisory services to consumer organizations on the availability and use of materials produced by APH. The direct appropriation represented approximately 49.3 percent of the Printing House's total sales income and 37.4 percent of its total budget in fiscal year 2000.

APH provides advisory services for consumers, including visits and consultations to approximately 45 agencies or programs each year, to inform administrators and teachers about available materials and how to use them.

Additional can be obtained from the APH Web site: <http://www.aph.org>

## Program Performance

OBJECTIVE 1: APPROPRIATE, TIMELY, HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED TO PRE-COLLEGE-LEVEL BLIND STUDENTS TO ALLOW THEM TO BENEFIT MORE FULLY FROM THEIR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

**Indicator 1.1 Customer satisfaction: The American Printing House's customers/consumers will agree that the educational materials provided through the Act are appropriate, timely, and high quality and allow blind students to benefit more fully from their educational programs.**

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>Trustees</i>			<p><b>Status:</b> Target exceeded in FY 2000.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> In FY 2000, the ex officio trustees reported that 96.5 percent of customers/consumers indicated that the educational materials were appropriate, timely, and high quality and allow blind students to benefit from their educational programs.</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> Survey of Ex Officio Trustees; Input from Research and Publications Advisory Committees; Consumer surveys.  <i>Frequency:</i> Trustees, Annually; Advisory Committees, Annually; Consumers, Annually.  <i>Next collection update:</i> Trustees, Advisory Committees, and Consumers' surveys, FY 2001.  <i>Date to be reported:</i> November 2001.</p>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Actual Performance</b>	<b>Performance Targets</b>		
FY 1998:	95%			
FY 1999:	96%	95%		
<b>FY 2000:</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	<b>96%</b>		
FY 2001:		96%		
FY 2002:		96%		
<i>Advisory Committees</i>			<p>In FY 2000, the Research and Publications Advisory Committees highly agree that the Printing House's educational materials are appropriate, timely, and high quality.</p>	<p><b>Validation Procedure:</b> Data supplied by the American Printing House for the Blind. No formal verification procedure applied.</p>
FY 1998:	No data available			
FY 1999:	Highly agree	Highly agree		
<b>FY 2000:</b>	<b>Highly agree</b>	<b>Highly agree</b>		
FY 2001:		Highly agree		
FY 2002:		Highly agree		
<i>Consumers</i>			<p>In FY 1999, 90 percent of APH customers who were surveyed were satisfied or very satisfied with APH products. In FY 2000, 100 percent of customers surveyed were satisfied or very satisfied with APH products and services.</p>	<p><b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> Consumer surveys will be refined for greater validity during FY 2001.</p>
FY1999:	90%	No target set		
<b>FY2000:</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>		
FY2001:		95%		
FY2002:		95%		

**Indicator 1.2 Student performance and participation: The percentage of American Printing House ex officio trustees who report that the performance of students and their participation in their educational programs improves as a result of the availability of educational materials provided through the Act will be maintained.**

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>Trustees</i>			<p><b>Status:</b> Positive movement toward target.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> In FY 2000, 97 percent of the ex officio trustees reported that student performance and participation in their education programs improved as a result of the availability of educational materials provided through the Act.</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> Survey of Ex Officio Trustees: Survey of Teachers.</p> <p><i>Frequency:</i> Trustees, Annually; Teachers, Periodically, beginning in FY 2001.</p> <p><i>Next collection update:</i> Trustees' survey, FY 2001; Teachers' survey, FY 2001.</p> <p><i>Date to be reported:</i> November 2001.</p> <p><b>Validation Procedure:</b> Data supplied by the American Printing House for the Blind. No formal verification procedure applied.</p> <p><b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> The results are based only on ex-officio data. The American Printing House is planning to conduct a teacher survey in early 2001.</p>
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
FY 1998:	98%			
FY 1999:	98%	98%		
<b>FY 2000:</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>99%</b>		
FY 2001:		99%		
FY 2002:		99%		