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INTRODUCTION

Through knowledge of science people can replace fear and ignorance with understanding.

Through knowledge of science people can make wise choices.

Through knowledge of science people can see the true beauty of the universe.

This annotated bibliography is a unique collection. It represents for the first time, a single source of information on science education for the handicapped.

The bibliography holds two lessons. One is that there are many dedicated people attempting to fill a real void in our education system. They are the ones whose names you will find inside.

The second lesson is that much remains to be done. There are serious gaps in all phases of science education for the handicapped. Let us hope the next decade will change that.

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The ERIC Clearinghouse for Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Education is pleased to cooperate with the Science for the Handicapped Association in producing this bibliography. We believe that this publication will be of value to teachers at all levels who are concerned with teaching science for the handicapped.

We invite your comments and suggestions for future publications.

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This study describes how a planetarium demonstration can be adapted for blind students and deaf students.


The program of nature study at the Perkins School for the Blind is presented. Stuffed animals, actual specimens, and models are used and the variety of plant life on the school's 34 acre campus is described. Students are encouraged to care for livestock owned by the school.


Reported is a complete course of general science study prepared by the General Science Committee of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind.


Suggestions for curriculum development for educable mentally handicapped, visually impaired students between the ages of 13 and 18 years are presented. A discussion of communication skills includes the areas of listening, oral communication, reading, writing, and spelling and teaching methods for each. The goals of the computation skills sequence, basic understanding of mathematical concepts, and transfer of knowledge to other situations are discussed along with skills to be taught. A comprehensive secondary school curriculum is described which includes specific recommendations for the teaching of science courses.


This catalog contains over 400 products useful to the visually impaired. Devices applicable to science instruction and the blind include: brailled stopwatches, timers, game equipment, barometers, thermometers, compasses, talking thermometers and calculators, magnifiers, writing aids, slide rules, protractors, compasses, rulers, micrometers, audible multimeters, and scales.
Listings specifying sources and costs of tactile aids and materials designed for the visually handicapped are provided. Items are presented in the following categories: supply sources and catalogs for aids; braille devices, including duplicators; reading and writing aids; reading readiness materials; writing machines; slates and styluses; deafblind aids; electronic devices; games; mobility aids; optical aids and instruments; paper and binders; personal aids; preschool devices and materials; recording and sound equipment. Additional categories of listings are in the subject areas of geography and social studies, handwriting and typewriting, health education, language arts, mathematics (general, counting, geometric, linear measurement, slates, and time), music, physical education, practical arts (cooking and sewing), science, and vocational education (industrial arts). Supplements are issued periodically and information regarding current educational materials for the sciences can be obtained from the APH, P.O. Box 6085, Louisville, Ky. 40206.

Intended as a source of information for the benefit of transcribers, school administrators, teachers, librarians, students, parents, and all workers for the blind, the catalog contains an alphabetical listing, by subject area, of completed titles of books listed in the central catalog of volunteer produced braille, large type, and recorded textbooks. Commercially produced large type textbooks and supplementary reading materials are also cited. Although the catalog cannot be supplied to individuals, copies are available at all residential schools for the blind, state departments of education, instructional materials centers, major volunteer transcriber groups, agencies for the education of the visually handicapped, and commercial producers of large type. Supplements are issued periodically.

Discussed are methods and materials for conducting high school biology laboratory exercises involving the dissection of insects, earthworms, clams, starfish, fish, frogs, snakes, and chickens. The use of preserved or freshly killed specimens is preferred over the use of models.

The special advantages derived from teaching physical science and biology in schools for the blind are discussed as they relate to increasing the blind child's awareness and understanding of the environment. Difficulties to overcome are addressed and the suggestion is made that schools offer one kind of instruction for college bound science students and a different, lay-oriented instruction for other students who need to know practical applications of science to daily life.


This study describes laboratory equipment which has been modified to accommodate visually handicapped students enrolled in regular university level laboratory science courses.


Suggestions for making the teaching of exact sciences in schools for the blind alive, understandable, and related to the daily experience of the student are presented. A list of problems assigned to upper class students during the years 1916-1917 are included in the paper.


Reported are several practical instruments developed by the author, a blind electronic engineer, to facilitate the performance of various kinds of electrical measurements by blind persons.


This article proposes that recorded versions of scientific textbooks and journals be made available to the visually handicapped. Suggestions and ideas are solicited for lists of materials to record, possible recording sites, and sources of funding. The writer is a blind physics teacher of sighted students.

This article reports the findings of a proposal to begin recording science textbooks and journals for international distribution to the visually handicapped. Institutional support for the effort came from Science for the Blind, a department of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. Subscriptions are solicited.


The procedures and suggestions which appear in this publication were made possible largely through the direct experience of Dr. Benham in his actual recording of scientific material for Science for the Blind. The contents include reader qualifications, editing, explanation of graphic material, reading equations and formulas, reading footnotes and references, recording tables of contents, spelling, making braille diagrams, securing permission to record, and putting graphs, diagrams, and structural formulas into words.


Guidelines for a program of instruction with individualized teaching for retarded blind children are provided. Areas covered are living skills, handwork, learning through music, reading readiness, recognition of the braille alphabet, mathematics, science, social studies, self expression, creativity, recreation, and suggested poetry and songs. Five appendices discuss regional educational centers for the blind, parent-child relations, adjustment problems, learning from and teaching the children. Photographs of 19 teaching aids are provided.


Current materials and laboratory exercises for the general science teacher in residential schools for the blind are discussed. Principles considered essential to the successful teaching of general science are described.

Current topics in biology are presented as guidelines for text selection. Textbooks which include Darwinian Theory and Mendelian Law, hereditary aspects of blindness, sex hygiene, and personal hygiene, as well as the study of plants and animals are preferred.


In order to support a wide variety of interactive computer terminal applications, a single-celled braille code is presented which consists of alphabetical characters, numbers, punctuation, and those special symbols most frequently encountered in secretarial, scientific, legal, educational, and some programming applications. This one-celled code could be used for such on-line activities as computerized text entry and editing, data-base inquiry and update, computer-assisted instruction, and programming in languages such as PL/1, COBOL, and 360/370 assembly language source code.


Described are methods for making illustrations, diagrams, and models understandable to a blind student of biology.


Describes the Oerwood Braille Trail in York Co., Pa., a self-guided nature trail designed for sighters and partially-sighted persons.


Describes methods for constructing a device that uses sound in tuning ham radio transmitters.
A secondary school biology program for the blind which emphasizes human anatomy, hygiene, physiology, and the use of live and preserved specimens is described.


This report is a review of the literature on teaching science to visually impaired students at elementary, secondary, and higher education levels, and emphasizes how science concepts are learned. The report also discusses adaptation and modification of materials and equipment, and views the pairing of visually impaired students with sighted peers as the key to teaching science.


The special projects, problems, and methods encountered in teaching biology to the blind are discussed. Clay models used in biological and botanical microscopy are described. Methods are presented for teaching topics such as yeasts, molds, mushrooms, mosses, ferns, sponges, corals, starfish, worms, insects, crayfish, snails, clams, fish, frogs, birds, and rodents. Sighted laboratory partners and the use of actual specimens are integral to the methods given.


This article describes the activities of and methods used by blind students enrolled in regular classes in physics, biology, and chemistry at Baltimore City College. The results of permitting the visually handicapped to enroll in these previously closed classes is the central theme.


Discussed are the problems of the blind student in college level biology classes. Recommendations are made for a multi-sensory approach, the use of instructor-made clay models where possible, and vocational guidance. Special emphasis is given to the teaching of morphological biology and the intimate study of skeletal forms, botany, and nature appreciation.
Several methods and materials for instructing the blind in biology, physics, chemistry, general science, zoology, and human physiology are briefly presented. Possible science hobbies and vocations are also suggested.

Teaching aspects related to the blind student enrolled in regular, secondary level physics classes are discussed. Suggestions are made for adapting laboratory exercises. The use of sighted lab partners is also encouraged.

Methods for adapting the high school chemistry curriculum, including laboratory exercises and teaching facilities, are described in this article. Major instructional objectives are also included.

This article presents suggestions for the integration and instruction of the blind student enrolled in secondary level general science courses in public schools.

It is the writer's thesis that the blind are entirely educable. Described are instructional objectives and alternative teaching strategies for visually impaired students in the secondary school sciences of biology, physics, and chemistry.

The problems of teaching biology to the blind are discussed and practical suggestions for teaching the visually handicapped are offered. Partially sighted students are encouraged to dissect and work with the microscope and totally blind students are recommended as data recorders in laboratory exercises. Suggestions for making tactile schematics and models are provided and the use of the Sewell Raised Line Drawing Kit is described.

The fundamental principles of teaching botany in schools for the blind are discussed. Included in the paper is a course of study of the subject for the year 1920 for the school for the blind in Silesia.


This report describes how useful laboratory specimens are obtained from a local museum for use in science courses at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind. Through this arrangement, considerable expense to the school in accumulating exhibit material is avoided and the overall program in science instruction is greatly enhanced.


A description is presented of methods and materials for teaching nature study in a residential school for the blind.


The evolution, design, and use of an optical light probe particularly suited to teaching laboratory science skills to blind students is described. A simple pocket-sized light probe with certain necessary features proved to be the missing link which enables blind students to do ordinary physics laboratory experiments.


This study demonstrated that blind children in grades three through eight were able to achieve greater speed and accuracy in mathematical computations using the talking calculator after one hour of individualized instruction and three weeks of informal practice. Implications for modifications in operational procedures are also discussed. The APH Speech Plus Calculator is available from the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Kentucky.

The state of California and System Development Corporation have developed, implemented, and evaluated a training program in computer programming for the blind and visually impaired. Students are selected according to general aptitude, interests, general intelligence, previous educational achievement, health, and personal qualities. The eight-month course in programming involves 120 classroom hours per month. The curriculum is modular to allow flexibility in introducing new computer technology and languages as they become available. Students record lectures on tape recorders. Closed circuit television systems for low-vision students and the OPTACON for the totally blind are also used. Recorded retention in the program and job placement and performance have been successful.


Discussed is the use of three-dimensional educational models in a school for the blind.


Reported are simple efforts to create interest in nature study in kindergarten pupils. Described are visits to a dairy farm, a bakery, a vegetable garden, and special units that require active participation by the children.


Reported are experiments carried out at Perkins Institution over a period of two years in making the museum collection a vital part of the school and in encouraging its regular and systematic use.

Cooper, Katherine E. and Herbert D. Thier. "Do You Have to See it to Believe It: Laboratory Science for Visually Impaired Children." Learning, 2(8): 54-55, April, 1974.

The adaptation for the visually impaired of the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS) materials is reported. Concepts taught and materials included in the Adapting Science Materials for the Blind (ASMB) program are described. A representative lesson for fourth-grade students on relative position and motion is presented.

A beginning course in college biology for visually impaired students is described. Equipment for instruction is discussed and methods for using the materials are included. Topics included in the course are chemical bonding, diffusion and osmosis, cell structure, meiosis and mitosis, reproduction, behavior, nutrition, and circulation.


Principles governing progressive educational procedure are presented along with criteria for laboratory materials selection. A simple project involving root, stem, and leaf systems is described.


After careful consideration of the results of a national survey of general science curricula in schools for the blind, a 14-unit plan of sequenced general science topics was recommended for teachers of the blind and a detailed outline of the content of each topic was formulated.


A light sensitive, electronic device which has been found useful for determining the levels of fluids in transparent containers is described.


Several laboratory exercises for the visually impaired biology student are presented which study the aspects of human digestion. No tactual models are required. Materials used are simple and easily available.


The value of the field trip as a teaching procedure for blind students is discussed. Several checklists are provided to aid the teacher in preliminary preparation, classroom preparation, and trip evaluation. Important points to remember and causes of difficulties are also listed.

A group of blind girls was taken on country rambles to study wildflowers and trees, and to learn to distinguish the songs and notes of birds. Accounts of these trips were written by the student participants, one of whom was deaf-blind.


The use of modeling clay to create three-dimensional study models for blind biology students is described. Students manipulated clay chromosomes to conceptualize the events of mitosis and meiosis and also formed clay models of various human organs. It was concluded that blind students had the ability to form, retain, and recall what could be described as a "visual image" as well as their sighted peers.


A lesson plan based on a conventional fifth grade science text and adapted to suit the needs of visually handicapped students is presented. An experiment with yeast which shows how a one-celled plant multiplies and grows is described. A multi-sensory technique is employed to give the student a better understanding of the cause and effect relationship of nourishment, growth, and energy.


Discussed is the practical use of the sense of touch in the education of the blind, with special emphasis on getting the most benefit out of available models and objects.


This article prefaces research on ASMB by Linn and Thier (1975). Intended for the regular public school science teacher with mainstreamed, visually handicapped students, this article briefly discusses some myths and facts related to educating the blind.


This study describes how to adapt physical science laboratories which depend on visual data input for blind students. Instructions for graph construction, use of the tape recorder, solving mathematical problems with a braille abacus, and other suggestions for physical science labs are also included.

The problems related to sex education and the visually handicapped are discussed. The results of a questionnaire seeking information regarding programs in sex education in all of the U.S. residential schools for the blind are summarized. Seventy-five percent of the schools responded in this report.


A series of lessons in elementary level science is introduced.


Methods and materials for teaching physics in schools for the blind are described.


Worcester College for the Blind was given a two-year grant in 1965 (later extended to three years) to encourage the development of science teaching in secondary schools for the blind, and to give pupils in all schools for the blind a better opportunity to study mathematics in accordance with modern approaches. This book contains reports on various aspects of the project which involved science and mathematics teachers at the Royal National Institute for the Blind, Worcester College for the Blind, and several secondary schools for the blind throughout England.


The physical plan and equipment of science laboratories for the blind that are compatible with laboratories for the sighted are described. A two-year syllabus for general science emphasizing biology, hygiene, and chemistry is presented along with illustrations and applications of useful laboratory apparatus.

This study utilized programmed instruction with concrete experiences and raised diagrams to teach the mammalian heart to an integrated high school classroom (one containing sighted and visually handicapped students).


This study provides a retrospective view of the early development of educational aids for the blind, describes the aids research efforts at the American Printing House for the Blind, and presents an operational construct for the development of educational aids.


An instrument which affords blind students opportunities for direct observation, experimentation, and discovery is described. Accompanying the light sensor is a manual containing 25 experiments.


The history of adapting and developing tactile aids is discussed along with the changing attitudes of science educators towards the blind. Production guidelines from educational research into adapting and developing educational aids are presented, followed by a list of science materials and studies which utilized these research guidelines. The implications for other material needs are given.


This report describes the principles, methods, and materials employed in adding a course in general science to the curriculum at the California School for the Blind. Class time allotments and evaluation tests are also discussed.


The historical background of nature study in schools for the blind and the importance of the subject in the curriculum are discussed in this article.

This manual for teaching the blind with tangible apparatus was developed by the principal of the Blind School of the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind and his wife. Much of the book is devoted to applications of the thermoform vacuum duplicating machine. Examples of thermoform masters which illustrate Mendel's Law, cell division, the human eye, and geographical and earth science maps are shown. Descriptions and illustrations of other handmade apparatus and models such as the suspension bridge, thermometer, vacuum and pressure pump, thermocoupler, and solar system are given. Suggestions for adapting commercial teaching aids and toy models are also given. The use of field trips, concept corners, and creative art work is encouraged.


Presented is an explanation of how botany, zoology, mineralogy, and physics are taught in a German school for the blind, what equipment has been found necessary, and what means are used for connecting these subjects to the daily life of the students.


Teachers of general science in schools for the blind are encouraged to use simple and inexpensive materials wherever possible to demonstrate important principles. As an example, an experiment showing the tremendous force exerted by the pressure of the atmosphere is presented.


This report describes the history and popularity of general science courses in the secondary schools. Recommended topics for the science teacher to include in these courses are: personal and community hygiene, orientation in the field of science, science applied to home maintenance, environmental principles in the community, developing problem solving abilities, and science related hobbies.


The curriculum changes in science instruction at the Royal Blind School, Edinburgh, are reported. Two courses are briefly outlined: science for the general citizen and science for intending scientists. The advantages of including sighted students from a nearby high school in the programs are discussed.

This catalog lists and annotates 112 titles of lessons first recorded on videotape and then transferred to film as kinescopes. The lessons are filmed in a specially prepared classroom equipped with remote controlled cameras and microphones. During recording, the class and teacher are alone in the classroom. Five of the films in this collection are on the special education of the blind. The kinescopes may be rented (some may be purchased) for use in pre-service or in-service teacher education programs by public and private universities, colleges, secondary, and elementary schools.


This article is intended for public school science teachers with no experience in teaching visually handicapped students. Steps to consider in accommodating a blind student in the science classroom, sources of materials, and practical suggestions for special instruction are described.


Several misconceptions harbored by science educators toward blind students in the science laboratory are discussed. Practical suggestions are offered for teaching basic chemistry skills, such as handling fire and corrosives and the accurate use of the balance; basic biology skills, such as measurement, dissection, and cell study, and astronomy. Skills for environmental field activities are also considered.


The reports contained in this book grew out of the American Foundation for the Blind 50th Anniversary International Symposium on Science and Blindness, held in New York City in October, 1971. Contributions range from biostatisticians concerned with the numbers of blind people and their principal characteristics to engineers concerned with applications of space technology to problems of orientation and mobility.


The nature study curriculum at the North Carolina School for the Blind is described.

Circuit testing devices developed for use by the blind are described.


This study describes the following programs for blind and handicapped students: a four-year science curriculum for elementary students and an enrichment science laboratory for secondary students.


Described are the design, adaptation, and evaluation of a special four year program in laboratory science, art, and music for elementary school blind children.


This article describes a program at the American University of laboratory science and art for blind and deaf children. The project is a small, mainstreamed, multidisciplinary program for handicapped children which combines the inextricable elements of teacher training with emphasis on content and communication, curriculum design and implementation. Approximately 150 science lessons with matching art lessons have been designed, adapted, implemented, and tested in biological and physical sciences, interactions and systems, subsystems and variables, and energy sources.


This is the only book devoted to teaching science (and art) to the handicapped. The first section is a discussion of reasons for using science and art in the education of handicapped children. Section II gives specific activities in a lesson plan format with suggested adaptations for blind children. Background information in science is the topic of Section III. Art lessons constitute the bulk of Section IV. They follow the same pattern as the science activities with suggested adaptations for the blind. Many of the art lessons integrate science and many of the science lessons lead to or integrate art.

Experiments with adapted apparatus which allow blind children to discover principles are described. Specifically designed, individualized experiences are developed in four curricular areas and a sample lesson is presented.


The performance and discussion of laboratory experiments by the science teacher instead of active involvement by the blind student is strongly discouraged. Many deficiencies in laboratory sciences for the blind are discussed and solutions are offered. Methods, materials, and guidelines for apparatus adaptation collected from successful residential school science programs are presented.


An argument for including sciences in the residential school curriculum is made and the benefits of science instruction for blind students are discussed. General science, hygiene, sex education, biology, and physics are sciences considered appropriate for blind students. The study of chemistry is discouraged because no satisfactory instructional program exists that permits laboratory applications.


Laboratory work in biology performed by blind students enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh is described.


Laboratory courses in biological sciences that were being taught successfully to blind students at the University of Pittsburgh are described.


A college class in advanced physics which integrates blind with sighted students is described. Illustrations, uses, and sources of special and adapted laboratory apparatus are presented.

The relationship between educational research and the needs of practicing teachers of the blind is described. Research in the area of the visually handicapped is viewed to be of practical value and educationally sound when a close working relationship is established among educators, technologists, engineers, and scientists. The development of the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS) program is described along with several other projects as exemplary of the union between education and research.


The establishment of a program of regular weekly visits to the Children's Museum at Hartford is reported. The museum staff act as teachers.


The nature of educational aids adaptation and its application to the study of physics is discussed. Current trends in methods of teaching physics are also described.


A method of detecting small electrical currents through the sense of hearing is described.


The survey attempts to determine to what extent physics is being taught in schools and classes for the blind, and what provisions have been made for laboratory work at the senior high school level.


A description of a course in dendrology, the study of trees and shrubs, undertaken at the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind is presented.

Subtleties of tactual discriminatory skills are listed and a method of classifying sensory aids is presented. Methods of teaching the blind are viewed as fitting into three general categories: words, partial experiences, and full experiences. The role of three-dimensional contact experiences in subjects studied is discussed as it relates to pupil comprehension.


This paper describes auditory and tactile adaptations of physics laboratory apparatus for use by blind students, together with five methods of drawing raised line and indented diagrams for use in physics experiments. A survey of physics laboratory methods in schools for the blind in the United States and seven foreign countries is described. Two simple physics experiments for blind high school students are included.


Three groups of seven children each (blind, blindfolded, and sighted) children were matched for age, intelligence, and socio-economic level and compared on abilities to conserve quantity in this investigation of the role of vision in solution of Piagetian conservation problems presented under varying conditions of instructions and modality. No conclusions were reported.


This study describes a quantitative chemistry experiment, conductometric titration, which was adapted for a blind student. Other areas are also indicated which can be adapted for similar experiments.


This article discusses how students at the Ohio State School for the Blind were given a more accurate idea of birds and animals, and trees and buildings through models constructed on a WPA project.
Hill, O. J. "How Scaled Models are Used to Teach the Blind." American Association of Instructors of the Blind, Thirty-fifth Biennial Convention, pp. 145-147, June, 1940.

Methods of using educational models in science instruction at the Ohio School for the Blind are described.


This conference attempted to assess the state of the art and develop recommendations for new directions in science education and careers in science for handicapped students. Panel discussions were held on such topics as: (1) attitudinal barriers and other obstacles to handicapped students; (2) current practices relating to all physical handicaps; (3) mainsteaming and the law; (4) current practices related to auditorially handicapped students; (5) visually handicapped students; (6) science education, the handicapped, and careers; (7) orthopedically handicapped students; and (8) science careers for handicapped students. Through working sessions the conference participants developed a position statement of science education for the physically handicapped student. Recommendations for action are addressed to various groups.


Teaching methods employed in physics classes at the Kansas School for the Blind are outlined in this article.


This report describes how some laboratory equipment and experiments useful in general science instruction can be adapted for blind students. Simple laboratory exercises are presented on the topics of molds, yeasts, major organs, leaf structures, flower parts, tree identification, generation of gases, weather, distillation, refrigeration, electricity, and astronomy.

This article describes how a junior high science teacher in a public school adapted course instruction to accommodate a mainstreamed, partially sighted student. Topics discussed include changes in classroom materials, use of sighted lab assistants, and approaches to teaching microscope work, genetics, chromatography, capillary action, and diseases.


Findings of the Committee regarding the nature knowledge and elementary science in schools for the blind are reported.


This article suggests that teachers try to view the earth with their eyes shut as a means of better understanding a blind child's perspective. Modifications of activities in earth science which can be used with visually impaired students are described.


Described are teacher developed materials and techniques used by a high school teacher for tutoring a visually handicapped student in high school chemistry.


The importance of science instruction in the elementary grades is discussed and the science curriculum in grades 1-8 at the Indiana School for the Blind is described. Results of a national survey of residential school elementary science programs are presented. At the time, only ten schools in the U.S. had such programs.


This article contains directions for making certain experiments in physics intelligible to blind students.
Laetsch, F. "SAVI (Science Activities for the Visually Impaired)." Berkeley: Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, 1977.

A partially completed program of individualized, hands-on, science activities for visually impaired students age 9-12 is described. Two activity modules, "Structure of Life" and "Scientific Reasoning" are described.


A brief course of 12 lessons, given at Perkins Institution, covering the story of the solar system, the tides, the history of the calendar, the principal constellations, and related topics are described.


The Center for Metric Education at Western Michigan University, under a U.S. Office of Education grant entitled, "Metric Conversion in Vocational Education," has developed a number of aids to be used by visually impaired persons in learning and using the metric system. Linear measurements (and their relationships to volume and weight) for general use and measures commonly used in the kitchen have been emphasized.


Textbooks in braille are prepared by certified volunteer transcribers all over the country. Master copies of over 1,100 textbooks, from which thermoformed duplicates can be made, are located in the Braille Book Bank of the National Braille Association. Nearly 200 scientific and mathematical tables in braille are available through the Association's Braille Technical Tables Bank. The Instructional Materials Reference Center maintains a Central Catalog of braille books and their location in various other depositories. Full instructions for the use of the various services of Recording for the Blind, Inc. and the National Braille Association are included in this two-part article.


This report addresses the unique problems of teaching human reproduction and sexuality to the blind. No definite solution is offered after the scope of the problem is discussed. However, a wide range of suggestions is presented for the science teacher to consider in meeting the individual needs of the student. Parental involvement in securing live models is encouraged.
The importance of the laboratory for adding concrete experiences to the study of sciences in grades 1-12 is described. Although specific examples of appropriate laboratory apparatus are omitted in this discussion, consideration is given to the philosophy of the laboratory in residential school science programs in hope that agreement on approach will permit suitable solutions to the problems of materials acquisition.


The rules and symbols for braille chemical notations contained in this booklet were developed during three years of class and laboratory work in chemistry at the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind. These symbols have been selected with great care, used under actual laboratory conditions, and have served well in preparing pupils for college entrance and New York State Regents examinations.


Modern psychological concepts of learning have exerted a strong influence of teaching methods in schools for the blind. Efforts are being made to prepare and collect educational models intended to give blind children concrete experience with objects.


Suggestions for increasing olfactory, gustatory, cutaneous, and static sensitivity are presented to provide insight into the development of new laboratory projects for blind science students. An example is given of a physics exercise on the relativity of motion.


This article describes how selected Science Activities for the Visually Impaired (SAVI) lessons were applied in a class of visually handicapped students to enrich science learning experiences. Activities with live crayfish, snails, and plants are presented and a method of integrating the experiences of indoor and outdoor biology activities is presented.


Directions are given for making plaster models for use in the science education of the blind.
This issue of the American Association of the Advancement of Science (AAAS) newsletter is devoted to the science education for physically, visually, and aurally handicapped children. Articles include thoughts on teaching deaf students and blind students, a brief description of a science program for young physically handicapped children, aids in teaching field aspects of science to the physically handicapped, and counseling of the handicapped for a career in science. A collection of addresses of organizations and sources of information for teachers who have handicapped students in their classes is included.


Specific suggestions for conducting certain laboratory experiments in chemistry are presented.


Some ways in which exploratory activities of the preschool child involve science concepts are described; the role of the adults' knowledge about both science and child development is stressed. Emphasis is placed on hands-on experiences.


Suggestions and directions are provided for teaching anatomy and hygiene, zoology, botany, and mineralogy in a school for the blind. Much of the paper discusses the advantages of field trips.


Discussed are methods and materials useful in teaching general science in a school for the blind.


This article describes how nature study is made alive and interesting to blind children through the staging of a circus.

Consideration is given to the realm of science instruction as an ideal place for developing proper attitudes and methods of life, especially for the blind student. General aims in teaching science and specific objectives of an enriched science program are presented.


An outline for a course in general science study is presented.


The suggestion is made that the general science syllabus be divided into three parts: an introductory period for pupils below the age of 13, the senior school main course, and a scheme for continuation classes.


Described is a research project related to the teaching of science to blind primary pupils, age five to eleven, of normal intelligence and secondary students, age 12-16, of below average ability. The project emphasizes student discovery and exploration of environmental concepts.


Methodology is presented for teaching science to the blind in this chapter, which also includes methods in mathematics, social sciences, music, arts and crafts, foreign languages, home economics, and physical education. Techniques for teaching hygiene, human reproduction, earth and space science, chemistry, physics, and biology are discussed. The use of sensory approaches is emphasized, and a broad variety of enrichment activities is listed for each subject area.

The report of the committee on national needs for the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped focuses on the current problems in the field, the areas in which additional knowledge is needed, and directions in which society and government should move, both with respect to the acquisition of new knowledge, and to a more effective organization of effort. Listed among recommendations is that for major areas of disability, a comprehensive national overview should be developed outlining in full its demography, national cost, and related social and organizational structure. Rehabilitation is discussed in terms of the medical and social framework, demography, organizations and programs, the policy picture, and economics. A section on the state of the art in science and in technology and their application covers research and development, blindness and low vision, hearing and speech, manipulation and locomotion, and basic neuroscience and rehabilitation.


This report presents a survey of the use made by public museums in the instruction of the blind, with a list of English museums prepared to offer special facilities to the blind.


This bibliography contains 64 entries related to science education and the visually handicapped.


Described is a collection of models constructed by a WPA project for the Ohio School for the Blind.


Discussed are methods of teaching botany, zoology, and mineralogy in schools for the blind.

This report recommends that science be taught in schools for the blind from grades one through twelve. Science is viewed as the best medium for educating youth for participation in a democracy. The principle objectives of science instruction are outlined and suggestions are offered for enriching the science program.


Described is a course which emphasizes the laws and practical applications of physics rather than the more technical and abstract phases of the subject.


This paper describes the chemistry course at Perkins Institution as a tailored, trimmed, and streamlined course taught on the basis of student interest and relation to daily living, as opposed to a chemistry course taught in a "college dictated" manner. The content of class lectures and laboratory experiments is discussed along with solutions to the special problems encountered.


The importance of elementary level science programs in schools for the blind is discussed and criteria for selecting indoor and outdoor laboratory equipment are presented. To illustrate the organization of outdoor laboratory equipment and the value of simple indoor equipment to supplement it, detailed programs on trees and gardening for primary age blind students are provided. Many questions that teachers and students might ask are addressed.


This report describes the Robert Hull Fleming Museum which holds exhibitions for and by the blind and which circulates a seventy-five object collection of various specimens.

Current practices in teaching biology to the blind are described and curriculum deficiencies are addressed. Basic objectives of teaching biology to the blind are listed as well as these general principles: (1) use real materials in preference to models, but, when models must be used, have them as life-like and life-size as possible; (2) teach what is of immediate interest, that is, local flora and fauna; (3) do as much practical laboratory and field work as possible; and (4) study nature in its natural state.


A systematic method of constructing radio and electronic circuits without the use of solder is described. The circuits are easily assembled, adapted, or dismantled without damaging delicate components. Designed for the blind student, the system is in complete harmony with the modern physics syllabus in England.


A set of gardening tools specially developed for visually handicapped students in the Detroit Public Schools is reported. A planting board, router, and brailled plant markers were used by blind students to plant, tend, and harvest a garden crop during a one year period.


A survey of 35 students in a school for the blind brought out the fact that nature study was of predominating interest to most of them. Various suggestions for making the subject intelligible to the blind student are given.


This article was unavailable for review at press time.


The theme of this paper is that science should supply the materials for the basic concepts of learning; that without clear concepts of, and experience with, the objects and materials of one's environment, learning is impossible; and that the most frequently met barrier to educational progress is the lack of such concepts and experiences. The importance of science in early childhood is discussed as it relates to learning through concrete experiences.


SAVI (Science Activities for the Visually Impaired) involves many of the same team that produced SCIS (Science Curriculum Improvement Study) with their endeavors at the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, California. The purpose of this program is to design a series of individualized activities to make concrete experiences in science available to visually impaired children from nine to twelve years of age. These newsletters contain reports from field testing and materials development through national teacher trials in order to get information and feedback which can be used to make SAVI activities as effective and helpful as possible to the broadest spectrum of visually impaired youths.


Developed is the idea that science museums are natural locations for resource centers to provide in-service workshops concerning the teaching of science to handicapped students and for depositories for loan of adapted science activities, aids, and appliances. Particular attention is given to resources for the visually handicapped that have a broad application across disability areas.


The Adapting Science Materials for the Blind (ASMB) project has developed a number of individualized sets of science activities and experiments for upper-elementary level visually handicapped students. Working independently or in small groups, students are able to learn fundamental scientific principles and the basics of the scientific method using the hands-on approach. The ASMB materials are tested in actual classroom situations and then refined further.
This study stresses the fact that science activities can be styled to the visually handicapped students' levels and degrees of independence. Use of extensive hands-on, concrete experiences as emphasized by Adapting Science Materials for the Blind (ASMB) is encouraged.

Content and design principles of Science Activities for the Visually Impaired (SAVI) are described. The program consists of nine, individualized, hands-on, science activity modules, containing two to eight activities per module that can be used by students nine to twelve years of age with great flexibility and without the need of specialized equipment.

In order to develop design criteria for interpretive nature trails for the visually impaired, this study first investigated existing trails to determine how effective they were, and to discover what problems have emerged in their administration. Since it was not feasible to survey visually handicapped persons directly, certified orientation and mobility instructors were surveyed to obtain information on the opinions of visually impaired persons.

The report on Science for the Blind, a non-profit organization, details past and planned growth. The organization has been providing scientific information on tape since 1955. Over 2,000 tapes are currently circulated monthly with selections from scientific periodicals, lectures, and books. In 1964 the instrument and aids project was begun to provide special instruments and apparatus to the blind working in scientific and technical fields so they could compete on a more equal basis with their sighted co-workers. The project also aims to assist any blind person who needs instruments to perform tasks connected with hobbies and everyday life, as well as work. Included in this report are the organization's financial requirements and descriptions of the jobs within it. Current and future projects and equipment are detailed.

Updated information on field testing and materials development of the SCIS (Science Curriculum Improvement Study) program adapted for visually handicapped students is presented in these newsletters.

This account contains a brief autobiography of Dr. Geerat Vermetj, a blind professor of zoology at the University of Maryland, who completed his undergraduate work at Princeton and received his Ph. D. from Yale. Obstacles to his educational and career pursuits are discussed.


A nature study project conducted at the Department of Special Studies at Perkins Institution is reported.


This report describes the development of a raised relief map for use by blind people who visit the Touch and See Nature Trail at the National Arboretum. The three-dimensional scale model of the trail was developed as a school project for sighted primary classes in a public school.


This article reports that a class of fifteen blind students was held by the Buffalo Association for the Blind under the auspices of the Buffalo Museum of Natural Science for the purpose of making the blind more familiar with certain phases of nature study.


The study of science is discussed as it relates to children's knowledge of the environment through concrete experiences. Principles of science instruction as practiced in the intermediate grades of the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind are presented. Beginning science instruction in the primary grades is encouraged.


Application of Piagetian-based strategies in classrooms with visually handicapped students has resulted in this student activities manual which has numerous modules on classification, conservation, spatial relations/mental imagery, and abstract (formal) operations.

The science curriculum at Worcester College for the Blind which focuses on biology and chemistry is described. A description is also included of the program's education materials: textbooks, embossed diagrams, recorded journal articles, special and adapted laboratory devices.


This article updates the list of laboratory apparatus which has been found useful in teaching general science, biology, chemistry, and physics at Worcester College for the Blind.


Described is the adaptation and application of a Beckman Zeromatic II pH meter for use by a blind college student enrolled in an analytic chemistry course. The adaptations allowed the student to gain experiences with analyzing changes in solution composition when titrant is added in neutralization titrations.


This report describes the adaptation of the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS), an ungraded, sequential, physical and life science program for the elementary school, for use by visually handicapped students. The purpose of Adapting Science Materials for the Blind (ASMB) is to provide an experience-centered instructional program in science; a program which in essence turns the classroom into a laboratory.


This article discusses the value of observation in science and describes the typical approaches to teaching observation to the young blind student, with a focus on the shortcomings of these approaches. The author emphasizes what is possible for the blind student and describes the materials development of the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS) program adapted for the visually impaired.
Science educators and individuals who had extensive experience working with visually handicapped children were brought together to establish some baselines and begin ideas of approaches to the evaluation of a laboratory-centered science program (Science Curriculum Improvement Study) as it is being used with visually handicapped children. Areas in which participants were in agreement relative to evaluation in the project are discussed.


This study describes some of the adaptations of science exercises found in the program, Adapting Science Materials for the Blind (ASMB). This program enables blind and other visually impaired pupils to participate in the activities of the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS).


Described are alternative approaches for developing visual perception skills found in selected science experiences. Use of various science programs available, such as ESS, SCIS, OBIS, and MATAL, is suggested. Visual sequencing is prescribed and described.


Six lesson plans used with blind multihandicapped students in an environmental education workshop are presented. The goals for each lesson include making a predator device that can catch a prey, creating an animal and a plant that can survive in a particular niche, finding different plants, inventing ways of seed dispersal, and studying animal motion.


Described is a procedure for modifying a standard experimental rodent chamber so that a blind college student could complete the requirements for a heretofore visually oriented introductory course in the experimental analysis of behavior. The requirements of the course that the student completed are listed, and implications of meeting the needs of visually handicapped college students are discussed.

This study describes modifications of laboratory procedures for the BSCS Green Version Biology, including dissection, microbiology, animal behavior, physiology, biochemistry, and genetics, that make the methods suitable for direct experimentation by blind students. The use of models as substitutes for microscopy is also discussed.


The use of sighted lab partners is encouraged as a method for teaching high school biology to the blind. Helpful suggestions and adaptations are presented for laboratory work involving microscopy, dissection, biochemical equations, and the study of genetics. A minimum of special equipment is recommended and several alternative strategies are discussed for laboratory exercises involving organisms or materials that are inappropriate for blind students, such as the substitution for test-tape of limewater, silver nitrate, and other solutions that produce precipitates.


This manual provides advice and guidance to teachers of biology who may have blind children in a class of students with normal sight. The author stresses that in the objectives of high school biology curricula, there is no goal that is beyond the reach of a blind person. The first section provides suggestions for assisting blind students under the following headings: class orientation, laboratory assistants, classroom procedures, tests, equipment, and techniques. The second section is a teachers' guide to Biological Science Curriculum Study (BSCS) Green Version high school biology for blind students. Here the author gives specific suggestions and advice on techniques which enable the blind student to take a fully active role in laboratory investigations. Supplementary readings in biology (available as recordings), supplementary biology materials, and sources of materials for the blind are listed.


The work of the American Museum of Natural History with classes of blind and partially sighted children is described.


This article reports on the use of models from the museum at Perkins Institution to illustrate simple stories of animals and birds in elementary nature study.

A course of study in six stages, each stage divided into three terms, with ten lessons suggested for each term, is presented.


The purpose of this paper is to specify a benchmark standard for the quality training of blind and visually impaired computer programmers. Training methods are described which, on the basis of several years of experience, have produced graduates who are competent.


Methods of training blind computer programmers at Systems Development Corporation are presented which have produced competent, well paid, computer professionals. The use of sighted partners is employed in training and no equipment has been specially adapted for the blind worker.


This article discusses the use of objects and models in zoology classes in schools for the blind.


The advantages and limitations of models are discussed and criteria for selecting and developing models are presented.


This study describes a university level laboratory science course designed for visually handicapped students.


Presented is an illustrated description of several models, showing the relations between the sun, moon, and earth, which were constructed at the California School for the Blind.
This manual contains many illustrations and descriptions of various science activities and laboratory experiments that have been used successfully with visually handicapped science students in England and Australia.


The use of science experiments on tape are shown to provide for individual differences varying from the gifted to the handicapped child in developing skills in the language arts area, developing significant concepts, and making learning come alive.


The Teachers Division of the National Federation of the Blind offers this booklet as a guide for the genuine integration of the blind student into the regular educational system, as a preparation for normal, responsible adulthood. Included in this comprehensive guidebook are suggestions for teaching science. The use of sighted laboratory partners is recommended.


Popular misconceptions regarding the blind working in laboratory sciences are dismissed and support is given to the increasing needs of blind students take laboratory courses. Desirable qualifications for blind laboratory workers and laboratory work in schools for the blind are reviewed. Case studies of four blind students wishing to pursue laboratory work are offered. Research as a possible career for the blind is discussed.


This report is an account of the experiences that a college instructor had in teaching botany to a blind student. A multi-sensory, audio-tutorial approach is described which employed actual specimens, commercial and clay models. A technique for making raised line drawings with white glue is presented. The use of sighted assistants and recorded lectures is also suggested.

In this book a very diverse group of experts, brought together by invitation of the National Research Council under the auspices of the U.S. Veterans Administration, join in discussing the problem of adjustment of the blind to life in today's world of science and industry. Several sections of the book are devoted to the role of the blind in science and applications of science and technology to problems of blindness.
THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

RESEARCH

The development of the concept formation of scientific and technical phenomena was researched empirically to clarify the pedagogical-psychological presuppositions of teaching science to the blind. The study gives an informative view into the way in which blind pupils theorize. Basic forms of scientific thinking in their specificity and in their effect for the development of an "objective" understanding of the environment are considered.


A modification of Furth's conservation of weight problems was administered to 72 legally blind children 6-14 years of age; 46 of the Ss resided in institutions for the blind, and 26 Ss lived in a family situation. A control group of sighted children matched for age was also tested. There were no differences in conservation between the blind group living at home and the sighted group. Both the sighted group and the blind group living at home conserved more often than did the institutionalized blind Ss (p < .05). Further investigations of the differences between the two groups of blind Ss showed that degree of blindness was of lesser importance than was place of residence.


Instruments necessary to teach measurement operations and basic properties of matter were identified. As a result a thermometer, a ruler in inches and centimeters, and a spring and a pan balance were adapted for tactual inspection of blind students. In the study 86 percent of the measurements and simple experiments were successfully performed by 51 junior high and 19 elementary school students using the aids.


Three maps which sequentially introduced areal, linear, and point symbols were developed. The format facilitated the interrelation of fundamental map reading concepts with the classroom, the school environment, and with natural and cultural features within the community. Eighty legally blind students (grades K-6) were used in the study. Computations using the Kuder-Richardson Formula 20 to determine consistency of the pretest and the posttest revealed a reliability of .95 for the pretest and a reliability of .95 for the posttest. Significant gains in learning beyond the .01 level of significance were reported for 26 of the 30 concepts taught in the program. The small increase in learning on the four remaining items was attributed to prior knowledge.

The results of this study indicate that the series of three-dimensional raised surface landforms reported provide highly discriminable illustrations of 40 basic geographical terms for use by visually handicapped students. The system of tactile and chromatic coding which was developed provides easily discriminable cues and surface areas, even for some braille readers with extremely limited residual vision. Overall percentage of correct identification of the features illustrated on the landforms was 83.5 percent.


The study evaluated the ability of 27 legally blind students from the elementary grades (ages 7-13) to identify and manipulate the parts of the lever, the inclined plane, the wheel and axle, and the pulley. Performance scores exceeded 90 percent responses on each machine.


The results of this study indicate that the majority of 61 legally blind subjects (grades 2-4) were able to locate and recognize the point, areal, and linear symbols tested on the dial thermometer schematic, to locate specific lines, and to locate specified point and linear symbols using a pointer as set by the examiner. One hundred percent of the subjects located and recognized four distinctive features on the dial thermometer schematic: any raised line, the raised circle, the raised rough surface, and the pointer.


This study evaluated the ability of 61 visually handicapped students (grades 2-4) to discriminate textures and to utilize them in locating and identifying the layers on a pull-apart cell model (schematic). The study also evaluated the ability of students to manipulate the pull-apart features of the cell model. As a group, the students scored well above the chance level on discrimination and identification-location tasks. Ninety-seven percent of the subjects were able to identify all discriminations correctly. The results confirm that young visually handicapped students in this study were able to perform the discrimination and identification-location tasks necessary for learning the parts of a simple plant and animal cell with pull-apart features.
The primary purpose of this study was to determine if 71 young visually handicapped students (grades 2-4) could learn to identify the basic body parts of an insect on a three-dimensional model (schematic) using a set of training materials. The combined performance scores for braille and large print students using the insect models ranged from 91 to 100 percent. The complete kit contains a set of five models.

A tactile ruler instructional unit was evaluated using 37 legally blind students (grades 2-4). Tasks in counting inch and centimeter lines exceeded the criterion of 80 percent correct responses.

In response to an expressed need for inexpensive biological models for blind students, the American Printing House for the Blind has developed a set of 19 plastic models (schematics) which illustrate representative species of the major invertebrate phyla and component structures of flowering plants. The biological features depicted on the models were found to be highly discriminable in a test of legibility (95 percent overall correct responses) with 42 legally blind students (grades 7-12). The models emphasize simplicity, but offer additional cues where complexity occurs. Texture, size, shape, and relief were used for maximum legibility. Chromatic color coding was employed to maximize color and luminance contrasts for low vision students. The models average nine inches (22.9 cm) in length on their longest sides.

A forty-item test measuring geographical concept attainment of visually handicapped students was developed which allowed students to record their own responses. A comparison of performance scores of braille readers and large print readers indicates that the pattern of performance for these groups tested on the short-form test (40 items) is comparable to the pattern of performance of braille students tested on the longer individual test (70 items). No significant differences were found between braille readers and large print readers on the 40-item test. A practical application of the 40-item test verified its reliability with the population tested as an instrument for evaluating geographical concept attainment of visually handicapped students in educational programs.
The purposes of this descriptive study were to: (1) identify the processes employed by individual visually impaired secondary students to solve multiple-choice biology problems and essay environmental problems; (2) determine whether there was a difference in the solution processes used to attain correct solutions and incorrect solutions; and (3) determine if a difference existed between the processes employed to solve multiple-choice biology problems and those used to solve essay environmental problems. Tape recorded protocols of thought processes verbalized by nine legally blind Ss as they solved the various problems were analyzed using a classification code designed for this study. Differences significant at the .05 level of confidence were identified in individual solution processes.


Adaptation and evaluation of a materials centered experiential curriculum for elementary age visually impaired children is described. The adaptations of both the physical and the life sciences units can be used in classes with one or two visually impaired students and in classes of all visually impaired students. Evaluation measures were designed to assess the major objectives of each unit. Classroom trials of two of the adapted units revealed that visually impaired students made significant gains in understanding both content and process objectives of the units.


A description is given of the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS) program and the adaptations developed by Adapting Science Materials for the Blind (ASMB). Characteristics of the logical development of the visually impaired child are discussed, the aspects of ASMB that foster logical thought are delineated, and some research on ASMB and logical thought is presented that replicated and extended a study by Linn and Peterson (1973). Results obtained from 117 legally blind, first-grade pupils revealed that all Ss who studied Material Objects exceeded controls in logical thinking skills. Results for visually impaired and culturally diverse paralleled those of Linn and Peterson. For middle-class Ss, Linn and Peterson found no gains, while the replication study revealed that their logical thinking skill increased.

Piaget's theory of equilibration was investigated by comparing the effect of direct experience with objects on the logical reasoning ability of middle class (MC), culturally diverse (CD), and visually impaired (VI) children. In experiment I, a Piagetian task with floating and sinking objects was used to compare the classificatory ability of MC, CD, and VI groups studying SCIS Material Objects with those who had not studied the unit. Experimental CD and VI Ss performed significantly better on the task than did the controls; no significant differences were found between MC experimentals and controls. MC groups performed better than did CD and VI groups in both experimental and control conditions.

Experiment II measured Ss' ability to name properties and materials and to sort objects. Both MC and VI Ss improved in ability to describe objects and sort objects. Both MC and VI Ss improved in ability to describe objects and sort them using a descriptor of their own choice. There were no differences between MC and VI Ss on these tasks after they had studied Material Objects.


This study reports an investigation concerning whether additional concrete experiences with objects will foster the logical development of blind children. The success of the Adapting Science Materials for the Blind (ASMB) units for various goals and various learner groups are discussed and tentative conclusions drawn. Significant gains were made.


This study examined the effectiveness of the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS) materials for visually handicapped children. Fourteen students, ranging in age from 9 to 19 and working in small groups with student teachers, received science instruction using the adapted version of the SCIS program. Control subjects were matched closely on age, medium of reading, socioeconomic status, and additional handicaps. These children participated as usual in the science program offered at their schools. Both groups were tested in the Fall and in the following Spring. Posttest data showed a superior performance by the experimental group over the control group on the three tests, "Histograms," "System and Interaction," and "Science and Learning," beyond the .05 level of significance.
In this research study, tests determined that the most efficient braille stimulus-braille response format was a booklet in which the braille frame appeared on one page and the correct response on the next. Commercially available programs for junior high school science were modified for use with blind students in accordance with the study findings. Two 50-frame programs reproduced in braille were tested with 57 blind junior high school students. Results indicated that students could handle these programmed materials in a reasonable amount of time with a high degree of accuracy. Instructions were followed with minimal difficulty. Performance improved with the second book. In modifying the program for use with the blind, 32 symbols were developed for the most frequently used science terms in order to reduce the bulk of braille materials. To determine whether blind students could discriminate among the symbols and between the symbols and braille, 43 blind students (grades 6-10) were given tests containing the various science symbols. Scores improved with increasing IQ and grade levels through junior high, although high school students reacted poorly. Scores and times improved with a second trial. Appendices contain sample science programs on "Physical and Chemical Change," "Symbols and Formulae," and "Plastids."


Discussed is the development and testing of braille-type science symbols for blind secondary school science students. A review of secondary science textbooks, state science syllabi, courses of study, and vocabulary lists was used to identify 50 important recurring science terms. The terms were submitted for evaluation to university scientists, science educators, and specialists in the teaching of blind children. Meaningful symbols were developed for 332 of the terms, and symbol revisions were made on the basis of a pilot test with blind children. Results indicated that average students had little difficulty distinguishing between different science symbols and between science symbols and braille symbols. Intelligence and emotional stability were significantly related to student performance. Test performance generally improved with practice.


In three studies to determine the usefulness of animal models in teaching blind students, conclusions supported the need for beginning nature study with young blind students, the superiority of three-dimensional models over two-dimensional representations of three-dimensional objects, and the necessity of much care in selecting animal specimens for the use with blind students.

Forty-two junior high level students were instructed in the use of the soroban, a type of abacus. Prior to instruction, the students were tested with an easy test and a difficult test to determine their skill in computation of whole and decimal numbers. After four months and again after eight months of instruction and practice with the soroban, the students were tested with equivalent tests. The results demonstrated that the soroban is a practical and efficient approach for overcoming computational problems encountered by the blind.


This study was conducted with 30 visually handicapped students to determine what effect the learning experiences of the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS) had on the manipulative skills of the upper elementary aged visually impaired child. In addition, the study was designed to investigate the relationship between improved manipulative skills and progress on the content, process, and logical thinking objectives of the adapted SCIS program. Improvement in many manipulative skills such as pouring, filtering, and organizing objects was found.


The effects of experience with two physical science units adapted for use by the visually impaired on the manipulative skills of 14 visually impaired low income students from 9 to 19 years of age were evaluated.


Two studies from this broad collection of studies are related to the application of programmed audio instruction to lessons on electricity. The aim was to introduce some of the concepts at an elementary level and to engage the pupil in a variety of experiments illustrating the phenomena of static electricity by means of programmed instruction. Results suggest that a significant amount of learning can be achieved using group methods of programmed audio presentation that allow the teacher to retain control over the pace of learning.
THE HEARING-IMPAIRED

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An account is presented of planetarium techniques used at the Scott Carpenter Planetarium with intermediate level hearing-impaired students from the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind. Such techniques as flourescent chalk on the fingers of the interpreter, the use of ultraviolet lights and the use of spotlighting for interpreting the needs are discussed. Alterations in the program by using specific slides to overlay the names of the constellations, stars, and other points of interest are also detailed. Because of the effectiveness of this latter method, the author emphasizes its use over those techniques tried earlier.

This account of a science program at the junior high school level in New York City includes a school focus and a science program focus. The school provides a careful sequencing of science topics in seven major course areas. The method of teaching is explained and examples given from the area of weather. Activities used and the move from simple to complex concepts are outlined. Expectations of the student at each level are also detailed. The junior high level science course revolves around four major science content areas. Again, the author provides the reader with a description of the features of the program and the need for administrative support for the best success of its use. The science fair is described as the significant part of the school year. A list of audiovisual materials available for use and textbook references conclude the article.

This paper describes the development and implementation of science curricula for handicapped kindergarten students in Devils Lake, N.D. Based upon planning done by Ms. Debbie Foughty, the science curriculum was developed to meet the needs of the handicapped students in a specific kindergarten class. Five children were deaf, three had sight impairments, and the others had various impairments. The science curriculum used the Elementary Science Study Materials (ESS) as a basic format, but the identification of cognitive and developmental outcomes as objectives was based upon a total learning concept. A week's lesson plan is presented as an illustration of the science activity integration into the classroom schedule. Evaluation of success was measured by the behavioral changes observed in the students. The methods/techniques described indicate observable changes. Five major conclusions are drawn regarding the success of the adaptation of materials. Two conclusions regarding the difficulties of adapting those materials are also presented.

Presented is a historical survey of the construction of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). The writer describes the selections available to the enrolled students in the fields of concentration and in degrees desired. Jobs and graduate opportunities are also reported. The unique aspect of cross-enrollment into the Rochester Institute of Technology is also portrayed. Unique arrays of aids and other specific special services provided by the Institute are described. The author looks closely at the struggle many deaf students face as they enter the program and evaluates several reasons why this is true. While surveying the future impact NTID will have upon the field of technology in relation to the employability of deaf graduates, a comparison is drawn between course content available here and that which is available at other colleges which have programs for hearing-impaired students.


This paper provides an update on science instruction to the hearing impaired through a research of literature. This look at the science education begins with the numbers being served as well as a definition of terms used when referring to those with hearing losses. After mentioning the lack of science curricula and the need for a closer survey of language performance, the author addresses the goals of science education for the hearing-impaired. The most effective means of accomplishing those goals has been the inquiry method; the author refers to studies and articles which can be used to substantiate this fact. Other investigations of language in science and the implication of findings are discussed. Some examples cited are the SCIS and the BSCS "ME" programs. Several other noteworthy findings on existing or developing programs are also addressed. Innovative techniques, presentations, articles and relevant activities are sketched. All of these point out that there is a great need for more cooperative efforts by science, general, and special educators to work together in this area.


This paper elucidates the science curriculum at the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School (KDES). In order to achieve this purpose, the author discusses the historical background of the curriculum project which began in 1977 with the establishment of a
The committee generated a workable model based upon the philosophy of content/process approach in science instruction with heavy emphasis upon "hands on" experiences. This is exemplified by the adoption of Science: A Process Approach II into the classrooms. The processes have been separated into five integrated processes and a spiral approach for use in science education for the students. Kendall's approach at instruction within the school, the impact of Piaget upon the learning/content objectives, and the future of science curricula at KDES are outlined. The future is outlined in terms of objectives, activities, procedures for evaluation and teacher preparation. Revision methods and possible in-service training procedures are also described together with recommendations for expediting curriculum development.


This article is the result of questionnaire surveys of 86 schools in the US which serve hearing-impaired populations. The questionnaire was developed to survey the science curricula currently employed. The design of the selection of schools, the guidelines of analysis, and the result of those curricula surveyed are outlined. It was determined that most schools questioned used curricula designed for non-handicapped school instruction. The most frequently used commercial curriculum was the text series, Concepts In Science. The format lists information in six tables, which include science curriculum characteristics and regional science curricula characteristics. From these tables and other gathered information, characteristics of a science curriculum for schools of the hearing-impaired was drawn. An analysis of the state of the art shows that guidelines and concerns have thus far been superficial in aspect. To structure curriculum designs, the authors propose a guideline of four fundamental questions to be answered. These are listed and explained in greater detail for producing and selecting effective science curricula on a structured basis.


This article reviews books, articles, papers and reports which deal with science for the deaf at the elementary, secondary and college levels. After identifying the need for revising curricula, materials and teaching methods, the author quotes references from several books to elaborate the propositions put forth. Results from programs using specifically cited materials are also embodied. Included are SCIS, teacher-produced materials, problem-solving techniques, ESS materials, and workshop materials. There are 20 references cited and briefly outlined in this article.

Because of the nature of a hearing impairment, the author stresses the need for adapted materials to instruct science effectively to those with that handicap. The use of SCIS materials is advocated and the modifications which have been found effective are detailed. Suggestions are made for the use of all SCIS materials.


Opening his article with the scientific development of man, the author shows the need for a science program for deaf children which focuses upon the realm of curiosity. From that point, the place of science in the curricula of deaf children is demonstrated and related to their language development. Six reasons why science should be included precede the description of objectives for an effective science program for deaf youngsters. The objectives center on three main areas which are presented and expanded upon. The skills that are to be developed via these areas are also discussed. Content of science programs, according to the author, should be based upon concepts which are most beneficial to the child. The main focus should be on the individual and not on the class-centered curricula. Reasons and rationale for this belief are presented.


This is a sketch of the SCIS program used at the Cralingua School for the Hearing-Impaired. The adaptation of SCIS, its easy integration into the total curriculum and the variety of lessons which SCIS provides for the development of a particular concept are detailed. Examples of concepts and activity adaptation are provided, as well as an example showing the use of science experiments to attain language development.


A close look at equipment aids and materials in a science classroom at a school for the deaf is provided. The authors have included both adaptations which they feel are necessary and an identification of those which may not be necessary for effective functioning. Hands-on experiences, the use of visual media, and focusing on sensory modes other than hearing are stressed. Suggestions for teachers who may encounter a deaf student in a mainstreamed setting are also tied to the examples and discussions.

As an effort to reveal the talents and skills of three handicapped biologists, the article discusses the individual handicapping conditions, the achievement of each individual, and the goals and positive influences in each of their lives. John Gavin is the hearing-impaired professional discussed. His sudden onset of deafness, the necessary psycho-sociological changes incurred, and the steps he undertook to regain employment are the main features of this section. His slow but steady progress in the biological field where he had been previously employed and how he conquered the prejudices against his pursuit of the doctorate degree are highlighted by a portrayal of his successful position at Dome Laboratories. Several awards which he has received in the past years are also identified.


This is an account of a scientific method approach used at the Detroit Day School for the Deaf for the teaching of science. The author includes the aims and goals in using the scientific method and the special needs for development. Independence and objectivity are two important goals addressed in this program. The primary, reading-readiness, and fourth grade through ninth grade levels are included. Teaching approaches often include the team-teaching methods at several of the levels. Benefits of the program for teachers and students are identified. Also noted is the relationship of the approach to the development of language, reading and math skills, as well as vocational skills. The portions dealing with a look at visual aids, field trips, and science fair activity conclude the article.


Barriers faced by the deaf in successful career development in scientific and technological fields have led to stereotyping of socially-desirable world-of-work niches in the scientific environment. In this paper, the author presents stereotyping characteristics held by hearing persons which tend to lead deaf persons into further identification with sex-typed or low potential occupations. Intervention techniques designed to combat the problem by raising the awareness of student potential and the need to combat sexism and other discriminatory practices are discussed. Current programs, general trends, career development models, and recent technological developments in the world of work which represent positive changes that impact upon deaf students are also discussed. The infusion of career education into existing secondary curriculum offerings is explained in its four channels. These channels and their impacts upon science education are detailed. Results which can be expected are also addressed.

A short discussion of the need for discovery-oriented learning, modification of existing materials, and the necessity of creating an intellectually challenging curriculum around the problems presented by language impairments of deaf students are the main foci of this editorial comment. Several cautions are identified, as well as are areas of difficulty which a science educator may encounter if he/she has hearing-impaired students in class.


As an address to science educators, this article presents information about the need for new models and the generation of new techniques when teaching science to the hearing-impaired youngsters. A look at the laws and their implications for education is also provided. Linguistic development, communication problems, and the necessary use of experiences and hands-on activities are also discussed. Some successful approaches and materials which can be easily used are identified. The article concludes with the mainstreaming aspects of science education to achieve quality programs for the hearing-impaired.


The development of a scientific attitude should begin as soon as formal education is underway. The article stresses this belief and emphasizes the importance of science concepts being in the curriculum. It provides the reader with anecdotal science lessons for the early grades. The first topic is weather with examples of observations to be made outdoors, and other activities to perform. The second topic is living things. Possible activities to use are also addressed. There are some simple ideas for beginning science, which may be helpful to new teachers in the classroom setting. Most of the ideas reflect the use of readily available materials and not special equipment.


Described is a program at Delgado College in New Orleans, LA, which integrates deaf students into the regular classroom in trade and technical (science) areas. This article records the setting up of the college, the enrollment and admission procedures, and the evaluation of potentials and interests of the students. Interviews with professors and students are interspersed with the information about the program. The faculty and curriculum are described; some personal interviews are also included.

Written after the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) had been in existence for one year, this article describes the faculty, attitudes, program changes which were necessitated, the vestibule program for entering freshmen, and the broad career opportunities available for student enrollees. Identified also are the six colleges within the NTID walls, the computer assisted instruction used, and the interpreting and tutoring program. The role and design of the research department was outlined, with some programs which had begun and some which were prospective. Student activities available and the student counseling department are also described. Future plans are outlined, embodying decisions faced with regard to funding, numbers of students to enroll, and expectations for faculty and administration.


The paper discusses the design and evaluation of computer assisted instruction (CAI) at Stanford University for the Instruction of Math Studies in the Social Sciences. The project was designed for three years and used students from the California, Washington DC, Florida, Oklahoma and Texas Schools for the Deaf. Topics addressed include symbolic representation of the learning situation, strategies for teaching cognitive skills to learners, and economic and technical aspects of CAI. A description of the Stanford CAI system includes the identification of the central processor as well as the terminal sites and equipment. Symbolic representations of the learners are given in terms of mathematical models of learning and in the definition of grade placement and progression. The author also stresses the need to make the model more precise for the use with deaf learners. Teaching strategies focus upon four major issues, depending upon the design of the CAI. Three experiments designed for integration into the tutorial language of the computer and described in the paper are identified with outcomes. Cognitive skills of deaf subjects were investigated and two issues defined in terms of cognitive development. Economics and technology of CAI are identified and four alternatives presented which make the program more widely usable.


This article is the result of information generated from a questionnaire sent to residential and larger enrollment day schools for the deaf. There were 14 questions regarding text, grade level used in, supplementary materials, language, social studies, science, health and mathematics. In the areas of science and health, most classroom teachers used teacher-written materials for low-achieving students. Student-controlled lab experiments were few in number. Health was often included in the reading program. Ideas from various other programs for the teaching of science were included.

The John A. O'Connel Trade and Vocational High School in San Francisco began its vocational program for hearing-impaired students in 1965. This article describes the development of the program, its make-up, and the degree of success of the graduates. A description of the students, the faculty's field experiences and qualifications, the ratio of integration advocated, communication problems which have been encountered, and the functions and use of the resource teacher constitute the body of the article. Encouraging aspects of the program and the favorable placement record conclude the article.


This is a report on project SEEFEE which was begun in 1971. The adaptation of materials for the deaf was added in 1975; mainstreaming in 1976. The project's elements, objectives, and approaches are described. The population used is from the Horace Mann Elementary School in Washington, DC. The relationship of science and art is developed through five scientific areas and involves 150 science lessons with matching art lessons. Impacts upon teacher training by the use of adapted lab materials is discussed. Pre-service training curriculum is shown along with the impact statement these objectives have made upon teacher-trainees. The advantages of mainstreaming in the science classrooms are also identified. Three advantages and the social implications of mainstreaming are discussed.


The program described is a comprehensive sequential laboratory science and art curriculum which changes the auditory activities to visual ones. The experimental group used is characterized, embodying the communication approaches used as well as materials. The curriculum's emphasis on discovery is explained along with the linking of science to art lessons. Programs which have been adapted for use with hearing-impaired students are shown, to depict examples of possible procedures to follow. The concern of the project is with curriculum design, adaptation, implementation and teacher training and programs for mainstreaming situations. This pre-pilot study identified challenges that are materials-centered as well as content-focused.
This is the only book devoted to teaching science and art to the handicapped. The first section is a discussion of reasons for using science and art in the education of handicapped children. Section II gives specific activities in a lesson plan format with suggested adaptations for deaf children. Background information in science is the topic of Section III. Art lessons constitute the bulk of Section IV. They follow the same patterns as the science activities with suggested adaptations for the deaf. Many of the art lessons integrate science and many of the science lessons lead to or integrate art.


This article encompasses the stages of development of students at the elementary level in a school for hearing-impaired students. The use of language developed through the use of curriculum materials is stressed. Changes from naming to the seeing of cause-effect relationships, making generalizations, and using inductive thinking is covered. The authors strongly stress the need for recognition of stages of development in providing an effective science program. The levels addressed, children's characteristics, language difficulties, the function of question at each level, and expectations which may be set are important parts of this article. The maturation process, the setting of achievable goals, the transition need and the preparation process are important aspects of the science program approach.


This paper discusses a project funded by the National Science Foundation which is designed to introduce outstanding handicapped pre-college students to the marine sciences. The approach was the traditional academic one with field trips and mini-research projects added. The paper discusses findings, importance and impressions of the project in academic and nonacademic aspects. The program is described in detail, including the method of instruction, subtopic division of content areas, scientific communication and methods, marine biology, and oceanography aspects. Nonacademic experiences are described as a part of the integral activities. Description of the program includes unique problems encountered in the free-time portion of the day due to the severity of handicaps. Academic problems, such as communication difficulties of the deaf participants and the implications of those problems upon the total aspect of the program are all detailed. The evaluation was performed in three areas: description/characterization of participants, personality profiles, and academic performance. The participant evaluation of the learning environment and the marine science program is also included.
Test results of incoming students at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) indicate that students show a lack of understanding of metric measures. This article suggests ways teachers may implement metrics into their existing curricula in order to combat this deficit. The spread of the use of metrics in the US is discussed as it relates to students with hearing impairments. Reasons why metric education must be provided, methods which will make comprehension easier, and the development of the curriculum to reflect this need are all covered. Results of the basic metric skills tests administered to 283 deaf high school graduates are detailed and the information categorized.

This is a review of the literature on adapting science curriculum materials for use with hearing-impaired students. The author discusses relevant issues in the movement to mainstream hearing-impaired students and their relationship to science teaching. The review covers curriculum on the elementary, intermediate, secondary, and post-secondary levels.

The author discusses linguistic, cognitive, and experiential considerations in teaching physics to hearing-impaired students. Illustrations are provided to clarify certain traits of the students. The usefulness of criterion-referenced testing in identifying the specific strengths and weaknesses of each student in a physics course is discussed. Some examples of methods for demonstrating sound to deaf students in a physics classroom are also provided.

Pre-Service and in-service courses should be developed to sensitize science teachers to the special needs of handicapped learners. The authors suggest some important components for such courses including: a review of legislation and litigation which led to Public Law 94-142; an overview of handicapping conditions; awareness of attitudinal, communicative, environmental and other barriers; methods and materials that are successful with handicapped students; evaluation and testing approaches; psycho-social dimensions of mainstreaming; and career planning aspects.

Educationally significant traits of deaf students are presented as they pertain to the area of physics, but the information can be generalized to other disciplines as well. Three basic areas, (1) language, (2) cognitive growth, and (3) personal-social are used to present characteristics. The language difficulties encountered by students center around syntactics, lexicons and experentials. The author describes each of these in great detail and gives examples of successful strategies for teaching physics concepts. Cognitive development is shown to be lagging from two to four years, and the author shows why this lag may occur in terms of the varying processing traits. Psychological-social dimensions of deafness are described and personal observations are used to sketch a clearer picture. The impact of those characteristics on learning is also described. Following these outlines, the author provides the reader with a brief review of literature and a look at the mainstreamed student.


This is a description of National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Physics course for deaf students. The make-up of the course, including the four manuals of study, optional units for reinforcement, and in-depth look at SELFPACE (Self Execution Learning: A Flexible Physics Approach in Contemporary Education) are all described. Along with a personal look at the students, communication difficulties and their disordered backgrounds are depicted. Influences on motivation and attitudes, the setting of unrealistic goals, lack of decision-making skill, and a lack of self reliance are all related to the problem of teaching physics to the deaf. The author also addressed the needs to be met by both student and staff, the liaison work with the language syntactical study teams, and the academic and social competencies of students. Suggestions for physics teachers who encounter deaf students in their classes are provided.


This booklet is designed for use by teachers in schools for the deaf. It includes activities and units which are suggested for planning and developing a science curriculum for deaf students. Teaching methods that have been determined to be effective with hearing-impaired students are sketched. The focus is from preschool through advanced grades. Areas include the biological, physical, and earth sciences. Units and activities are designated at each competency level. Appendices contain equipment listings and illustrations of science projects which have been shown to be effective.

The initial portion of the dissertation reflects a philosophy of education including the importance of the teachers' values affecting the student and the use of play as an education mode. The implications of that philosophy for fitting facts and skills of science into the classroom atmosphere and the educational programs are covered. The education of the deaf child and the challenge of teaching science to the deaf follow as a preview of science education for deaf children. The role of the teacher, the problems of language and communication, and the means by which science can teach language are a natural outcome of experimentation and questions. Methods of teaching science to the deaf include four major factors which must be taken into account. The author discusses those factors in relation to learning problems, intellectual capacity, experiences, individualized programming, the selection of science materials and programs, and teaching programs.


By first evaluating the relationship of science to society, the author sets the stage for comparing the deaf student's role in our scientific society with and without science education. The potential of deaf students when they can recite facts of science is compared to that when they can relate scientific experiences to their function within society. From that point, the educational goal in science is outlined and a process for reaching that goal is demonstrated.


Although the majority of this booklet deals with curriculum aspects of the school and new suggestions for revision, one section addresses itself to teaching science to the deaf. There are four factors listed which need to be taken into account. These are, basically, a lack of environmental information, limited reading ability, necessity of concrete experiences prior to the presentation of the abstract, and individual abilities ranges. Modern elementary science programs may be used as resource materials, but the majority of efforts should be placed upon laboratory experiences, according to the writers. Science lessons need to revolve around readily accessible materials. Curriculum content to be emphasized is presented. There are three emphases for the elementary ages: solar system, matter and energy, and living things. A further breakdown is given of each division unit to be taught. Objectives and curriculum outlines are detailed and include suggested filmstrips, as well as goal statements and general summary statements. Science teaching ideas are presented in the appendix along with instructions for the establishment of a science activities center. Mailing addresses for newsletters and publications for teaching ideas, along with a list of science room equipment and ways of using inexpensive materials, are included.
This issue of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) newsletter is devoted to the science education for physically, visually and aurally handicapped children. Articles include thoughts on teaching deaf students and blind students, a brief description of a science program for young physically handicapped children, aids in teaching laboratory science to visually impaired students and deaf students, aids in teaching field aspects of science to the physically handicapped, and counseling of the handicapped for a career in science. A collection of addresses of organizations and sources of information for teachers who have handicapped students in their classes is included.


While identifying the need for science adapted for all children, the author pinpoints special needs for deaf, hearing-impaired and visually-impaired children. She stresses points such as altering experiences to make them appropriate for the special needs of the individual child. For example: tasting, touching, seeing, and smelling are essential in communicating experiences for the hearing-impaired child. A general over-all view is presented of some processes to keep in mind while working with all handicapped children.


The author, a deaf scientist and teacher, is one who is well qualified to evaluate science programs in schools which he had visited. After his tour of 25 schools in ten states, the author determined that, at the elementary level and often the high school level, science education for the deaf in both special and public schools is lacking. After presenting arguments and excuses made by those schools for their lack of programming, Menchel shows problems which he saw as true reasons for this. He provides reasonable solutions to the problems which were confronted, and then addresses the need for teachers of the handicapped to rethink methodologies and forget their stereotyping habits.
Hygiene classes at the Clarke School for the Deaf provide information on sex education for teenagers. Personal conduct and attitudes towards self, opposite sex, sex and reproduction, and the problems of adolescents are all covered in class. Materials used include books and pamphlets for outside reading. A bibliography of books, films and educational materials is included. Steps for establishing procedures of conducting such classes are outlined. Honesty in answering all questions addressed to the adult by the child is stressed. If the involved person is not well acquainted with the necessary information, the author recommends the use of sources given in the included bibliography. Classes were conducted biweekly and as needs arose. If emergencies or special sessions were needed, classes were scheduled. Although the material is dated, it may provide information in certain areas.


The Responsive Environment Project is designed and developed to theorize human problem solving and social interaction for help in the behavioral and formal sciences. By first outlining the formal science, the areas of investigation, and their connection to mathematics, the author shows the need for the project. The equipment used, the need for the adaptation of equipment, and its use with deaf children are all illuminated. The substantive notion is based upon the development of a rigorously formulated system of education. This theory is both identified and explained by the author as it applies to those with hearing impairments. The fourth area of concern is the laboratory. The use of the talking typewriter in formal laboratories is advocated. All of these discussions are then tied to the person with hearing impairments. The author presents the difficulties with which such a person may graft to a visual system and the social processes which impair this grafting. He provides the reader with some points to ponder in the environmental concerns of the hearing impaired.


The article describes activities and demonstrations used to view a solar eclipse by the faculty and students at the Oregon State School for the Deaf. Materials needed, procedures used, and the necessary adjustments to the equipment which are to be made prior to use are detailed. Continued use of the apparatus for other science projects is advocated.

This is an address to the special needs of the deaf child in assessing a science program in a school setting. The article looks at a spiraling science program and the units generated. A scientific approach to experimentation and problem solving is applied to the development of cognitive skills and its application to language development is given. The inherent language difficulties of deaf children are also discussed. A close look at the teaching of science at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf through units in natural sciences includes structure, syntactical formations, motivation techniques, material manipulation, and teacher-student relationships. The author concludes with an observation of the need for deaf children to find answers on their own to develop conceptual structures.


This paper discusses the place of science for elementary children in residential schools for the deaf. The author stresses the inclusion of science as an answer to the need to foster curiosity for developing thinking processes. The rationale for including science in the curriculum, the need for teaching problem solving techniques and the development of a scientific approach to education are all stressed. Three goals of a science program, eight steps to follow in presenting experiments and demonstrations to children, and the ultimate success of equipping students with critical thinking habits form the conclusion.


A summary of the Purdue University approach to teaching freshman botany via a multi-faceted approach which allows students maximum control for their rate of learning is covered in this article. The programs' outline includes sessions and instructor-learner expectations. The general assembly session, integrated quiz session, and independent sessions are the make up of the multi-faceted approach. Student satisfaction with each of these areas is included. The equipment and time allotments are detailed prior to the discussion of success rates and percentages of involvements.


In order to become a scientist, the deaf person must confront several prejudices. This article begins by first making the distinction between deafness and hard-of-hearing and stresses the importance that the age of onset has upon the development of language. Data from the National Census of Deaf Population are quoted to reassure readers that deafness does not preclude the development of a career in science. The remainder of the article describes the educational preparation,
communication difficulties, college and university's acceptance/rejection policies, the need for more advanced secondary school preparation due to the low quality of that which is being provided in also mentioned. When educational barriers are overcome, the deaf applicant is then confronted by reluctant employers and other unnecessary barriers. On the job, problems exist because of the misunderstandings of colleagues. Personal experiences of the author and of others are given. The author also touches upon problems which may be encountered with those who have moderate degrees of deafness.


The article consists of a portrait of Newark's School for the Hearing-Impaired planetarium space-science program. It includes problems encountered with the program and the trial-error solutions found. The main problem was the need for communication in a darkened room. The solution was to project written instructions onto the dome without using extraneous lights. The alterations and the methods which provide both successful and unsuccessful solutions are included. Clear descriptions of procedures including the need for light intensity controls are covered. The rationale for changes and the reinforcement techniques used conclude the article.


This paper is an evaluation report of the career materials titled "Is Science A Possible Career For You?" after it was field-tested in nine sites. The program was designed for deaf students in order to meet the needs of language, science education and science and career development. It considers the syntax, vocabulary development and experiences, projective and imaginative thinking and inquiry skills needed by deaf students. There is also an overview of the audience and format and goals of the program. Eight specific objectives are listed for encouraging deaf students to consider the field of science as a possible career choice. Evaluation design and procedures are summarized focusing upon two major areas of effectiveness: career awareness and student activities. The data collection procedures and analysis plan are also outlined. Results and conclusions showed an impact in five areas of effectiveness. The experience was found to be generally valuable for those involved.

A pilot course in photography offered to middle school students at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf is described. The physical setting, the characteristics of students, staff, and other individuals are all included. Logistical concerns are addressed and planning sessions described. Materials and equipment necessary are also outlined. The 12 weeks of activities including the making of the shoe-box camera prior to the use of the actual camera are also depicted. The effectiveness of the program is measured against the difficulties the students encountered in both the reading of materials and in personal-social-psychological interactions. Vocabulary increase was noted, as well as the generation of enthusiasm by students who were not involved in the program but who wished to be.


Achievement scores are used to reflect problems facing teachers of the deaf. Some of the implications of these data are refuted by Vlug's portrayal of successful deaf scientists. The remainder of the paper is in two sections: science curricula and an outline of the Model Secondary School for the Deaf Program (MSSD). The report concerns who writes curricula, how it is done, and which texts are used. Tables show that the larger percentages of responsibilities for curriculum development and writing lie with the individual teachers on an independent basis. Vlug then discusses the MSSD responsibility in the development and dissemination of curriculum materials - which to date have not been fully utilized. The materials being developed and those being field tested are described.


Two working conferences on careers and the hearing impaired are covered in this publication. Participants were educators from residential schools with programs in career development. While the conference did not address itself to specific careers such as science, the generalized needs and problems encountered by hearing impaired programs with career orientation are identified. This background would be very useful for anyone who is interested in promoting careers in science for the hearing impaired. There is actually much similarity in the problems of career development for hearing impaired and other handicapped so the information actually has wide application in careers and the handicapped.

By depicting discovery learning through a deaf child's exploration and inventiveness, the author stresses the need for activation of that curiosity and development of thinking skills in both handicapped and nonhandicapped students. The activity occurs in the Horace Mann school in Washington, DC. The approach used and described is the hands-on activity in the science laboratory and classroom, which has proved to be a good atmosphere for dealing with communication barriers.


The author, a ham radio operator for more than 12 years when this article was written, describes the independent study he undertook as a project in his college coursework. He developed an amateur radio program for two deaf high school boys. The training the boys underwent in order to receive their FCC license is described. How they used the Morse Code Sound System to aid their use of residual hearing, and ultimate success of the boys in receiving their licenses are all related in this article.

This is a report of an attempt to determine and classify factors which contributed to the success or failure of first grade students participating in Science-A Process Approach. The sample consisted of first grade hearing-impaired students at the Texas School for the Deaf, in Austin. The characteristics are outlined prior to the description of the study design. Pretest-posttest format was used in presenting Level B of Science-A Process Approach. Five major categories of change were necessary for the exercises due to the hearing-impaired condition of the students. These changes are identified. The results showed scores above the 82 percent level, with some at the 93.2 percent level. Significant gain was identified using the chi-square test. Factors of comparison and performance measures are detailed. Implications for teaching science to other hearing-impaired students are drawn. Because this approach is manipulative in nature, the author determined that successful performances were possible because science concepts are independent from language.


This study of deaf students between the ages of 10-13 was based upon the theory that, provided with a series of specifically designed and structured science inquiry experiences, the students would develop a rapid change in categorization behavior. Thirty sessions were developed to test this theory. Pre-effort subject characteristics are outlined, including level of deafness, reading comprehension level and tested IQ level. The measurement instrument was the Goldstein-Sheeerer Object Sorting Test which identified three cognitive styles and used free-sorting as well as compliant categorization. The procedures involved the use of a pretest-posttest control group, experimental treatment and minimal language lessons structure. A vocabulary test, a null hypothesis, a two-tailed test, and factorial analysis of variance for a two-factor experiment comprise the information tabulated and explained in the results. A significant change in compliant categorizing behavior was noted, as was a limit in the test of abstract categorization. Implications are drawn and explanations provided for each. The article concludes with suggestions for future research.


By outlining the methods, materials, and preliminary results of a project for language growth of hearing-impaired students, this article stresses teaching language through teaching science concepts. The rationale for teaching science to deaf children is stated to
demonstrate the evolution of the program itself. Formal learning of concepts is defined in terms of the science concepts themselves, receptors, and the need for classification. Problems encountered are identified, and the procedures in overcoming those problems are set forth. This is followed by the instructional program, materials used, target population and the description of the program. Procedures for presentation are also included. Evaluation procedures after ten weeks of concept building were formalized and results identified. In summary, the authors concluded that science concepts can be used to increase vocabulary and to make significant language development gains. Six other conclusions are drawn and discussed.


The purpose of this study was to: (1) document science programs and techniques being used to teach science to handicapped elementary students, and (2) compare three commercial science programs designed for the handicapped with regard to curricular orientation, design, and utilization. The three commercial science programs analyzed were: Adapting Science Materials for the Blind (ASMB); Science Activities for the Visually Impaired (SAVI); and ME NOW, a program designed for the mentally retarded. It was found that: (1) all three programs were suitable for their specified target populations, (2) with regard to nontarget populations, all three programs could be used with other groups, and (3) certain non-handicapped individuals with learning problems could benefit from the special science programs.


BSCS's special education, student-centered, life-science program called "Me Now" was tested on low verbal, hearing-impaired secondary students at Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington, D.C. This project determined the appropriateness of science programs for non-target populations. The "Me Now" series places emphasis on low-verbal content of science materials plus providing hands-on activities. The sample population was comprised of six students whose Stanford Achievement Test scores showed no substantial recent improvement in their school studies. The mean age was 18-1. Pre and posttest, treatment time and methodology are all discussed while the control of sources of invalidity found in other such experimental projects, is elaborated upon. The instrument used, its impact and importance and the reason why the authors chose to develop an index of student affective design are discussed. The results of data generated by the study are displayed and summarized. Statistical treatment procedures showed significant gains in the areas tested. The affectiveness of materials was compared for target and non-target
populations. Affective test data are rank-ordered and an explanation of entering low ratings given. Positive changes occurred in attitudes towards science. Conclusions reached were that the material used would be unsuccessful for hearing impaired students of higher ability and language development than this experimental group. Retention results indicated that "Me Now" was effective in dealing with higher level cognitive skills in the group tested.


This report is the result of a study of ideal mainstreaming conditions to ideal resource conditions. Three questions are addressed for educational research purposes. The program used was developed by Doris Hadary at American University, using both science and art instruction. The program is described by design and by characterization of classes and personnel. Student selection was from the Horace Mann School in Washington, D.C. The deaf subjects were 21 mainstreamed students. Procedures for selection are outlined. Nonverbal interviews were initially set up to evaluate cognitive gains. The observation instrument and opinion survey are explained. Results of cognitive tests, observations and questionnaires are presented and explained. Evidence showed three advantages of mainstreaming. Additional needs and further areas of study are also addressed.


Measurements of achievement in science, progress towards self-actualization, and high/low scores on science-related items on the self-actualization instrument were sought to determine the relationships of all of the above to the discovery-teaching climate. The target audiences were 257 students in 12 residential schools for the deaf and 15 science teachers. Materials, environmental concerns and measurement instruments are included along with educational data instruments. Findings include no significant relationship between climate and the actualization status, but achievement in science was found to be significantly related to the climate in the classroom. Other findings are also outlined.
OTHER HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

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Presented is a description of a three year program in paramedical skills training initiated at Francis Lewis High School (Flushing, New York) for use with neurologically impaired and physically handicapped students. The students learn laboratory procedures and visit hospitals and nursing homes on a regular basis.


This article reviews much of the research that has been done on science education for educable mentally retarded children. It stresses the need for these children to have a science curriculum in order to understand their environment and to acquire critical thinking and problem solving skills. The authors feel more attention should be given to training teachers to teach science to the mentally retarded.


The authors feel strongly that science should be included in the curriculum of educable mentally retarded children. The teaching of science should be viewed as a thought process, an alternative to solving problems, and as a means to help them discover themselves as persons. Science teaching should be considered as a means of increasing and enhancing the total growth of "special" children rather than the transmission of facts.


This article is an extensive discussion of teaching science to the educable mentally retarded. The questioning techniques that a teacher should use with mentally handicapped students are described. Four science programs that are adaptable for use with mentally handicapped students are briefly described: Individualized Science (IS), Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS), Elementary School Science (ESS), and Science - A Process Approach (SAPA). Two Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS) programs designed for use with mentally handicapped students are also described: ME NOW and ME AND MY ENVIRONMENT.

This paper presents the initial efforts of a project to produce a science program for mentally handicapped students at four levels: lower primary, primary, intermediate, and junior high school. The project reported by Brotski and others, is "A Science Program for Children with Exceptional Needs" Manitowoc County Handicapped Children's Education Board, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, September, 1973.


This publication describes a project to develop a science program for mentally handicapped students, sponsored in part by the U.S. Office of Education. Four levels of mentally handicapped students are considered: lower primary, upper primary, intermediate and junior high. The curriculum provides a systematic approach to logical thinking and child-centered activities. A review and analysis of available instructional materials is also made.


The author reviews literature on teaching science to visual, auditory and orthopedic handicapped students. Implications for classroom procedures and future research are identified.


This report describes the use of a manipulative, nonverbal science unit with junior high mentally retarded pupils. The learning potential assessment procedure was a better predictor of pupil success in the unit than were the IQ scores of the pupils. See Volume II for description of the unit and also the following item: Budoff, M. and others. "Educational Test of the Learning-Potential Hypothesis."

This report describes a manipulative nonverbal science unit on electricity (modified ESS unit Batteries and Bulbs) that was used with pupils having different levels of learning potential. See Volume I of the Final Report for a description of the project and the following document for further details: Budoff, M. and others. "Educational Test of the Learning--Potential Hypothesis," American Journal of Mental Deficiency, 76(2): 159-169, 1971.


The author identifies general guidelines for a teacher to use to understand students with special needs. Specific suggestions for students with specific handicaps are given: hearing impaired; visually impaired; physically and health impaired; speech and language impaired; learning disabilities and mental retardation; and emotionally disturbed and disruptive students.


This article summarizes the highlights of the BSCS effort to develop three programs for mentally retarded pupils: Me Now, Me and My Environment, and Me in the Future. Some of the facts the project developers learned about teaching mentally retarded pupils are described.


These newsletters contain articles that describe the development and implementation of the BSCS special education program entitled ME NOW. This program was designed for use with mentally retarded students, ages eleven through thirteen.


These newsletters contain articles which describe the development and implementation of the BSCS special education program entitled Me and My Environment. This program was designed for use with mentally retarded students, ages thirteen through sixteen.
This publication reports on the proceedings and results of a conference on individualized instruction with elementary handicapped students. Both special education and regular classroom teachers attended the conference. The science activity cards which the teachers developed are included.


The desirability of modifying regular science programs to meet the needs of aggressive students is discussed. The necessity to recognize that these students frequently react to schooling with anxiety and impulsive responses is identified. The authors further establish the values of teacher-pupil-initiated, pupil-performed, and pupil-actualized success-producing tasks in the science program.


This course of study identifies what science units should be taught at the primary, intermediate and junior high school levels. The topics and activities for each unit are briefly identified.


The author reports on the efforts on BSCS to develop and field test the ME NOW program for mentally retarded pupils.


In the summer of 1975, Delaware County, Indiana, instituted a series of workshops to introduce special education staff members to the Elementary Science Study (ESS). Units were chosen to be incorporated in their special education classes. The children were very enthusiastic about their science lessons and showed measurable changes in observation, communicating and inference skills.


This article reports on a study conducted by one of the authors as a doctoral dissertation. See Mansfield, Janet. "The Effect on the Elementary Science Study on Selected Science Skills of Educable Mentally Retarded Students."

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Biographical sketches of the lives of three handicapped scientists are given: a deaf biologist, an orthopedic handicapped biologist, and a blind zoologist. The attributes common to these three successful handicapped scientists are identified. Perhaps the foremost attribute is that none of these people assumed that their handicaps were a reason not to pursue their education and career in biology.


This booklet provides teachers with a procedure to collect data relevant to planning individualized educational programs for orthopedic handicapped students. Twenty-two science objectives for three levels (primary, intermediate and secondary) and for moderately or severely handicapped students are given. Teachers record the data of mastery and level of mastery for each student on each objective.


Horseback riding is being used by the District of Columbia Public Schools as an instructional technique with various types of handicapped children. The author describes in detail the many areas in which the children benefit.


The authors consider the findings of 16 research studies and imply that children from lower income urban homes speak a dialect of English rather than the typical standard English of the middle-class-oriented school. They feel that the teaching of science through inquiry skills based on an activity rather than on a content emphasis, by a teacher who understands the language differences, will cultivate mutual understanding and raise the child's self-concept, personal worth, and achievement.

This is a complete description of the Me Now program developed by the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS) for Educable Mentally Handicapped (EMH) students in the eleven to thirteen-year-old age group. The program combines activities, and attractive teaching aids, with very little written material. The author feels that the program provides an adequate basis for teachers to help pupils develop skills of inquiry.


The purpose of this conference was to explore science education trends for handicapped children and to allow participants a chance to observe the program developed at American University for science and handicapped elementary children. The proceedings contain presentations by various leaders in the field of handicapped education. Most space is devoted to a description of the model science program which utilizes ESS, SAPA and SCIS materials for adaptation.


This is the only book devoted to teaching science and art to the handicapped. The first section is a discussion of reasons for using science and art in the education of handicapped children. Section II gives specific activities in a lesson plan format with suggested adaptations for deaf and blind children. Background information in science is the topic of Section III. Art lessons constitute the bulk of Section IV. They follow the same pattern as the science activities with suggested adaptations for the deaf and blind. Many of the art lessons integrate science and many of the science lessons lead to or integrate art.


A new lower, adjustable, and portable science laboratory bench was developed by the University of California at Davis. The lab bench makes it possible for wheelchair students to work without moving. The triangular shaped fume hood is one of its most innovative features.

This publication reports the results of a conference on teaching science to auditory, orthopedic, and visually handicapped students. The conference assessed the state of the art and developed a position statement on teaching science to handicapped students. Over fifty papers given at the conference are included in the publication.


This is a compilation of papers and articles on teaching science to auditory, orthopedic and visually handicapped students. The state of the art, a position statement and implications for the future of science education of the physically handicapped are presented. An extensive directory of resources for teachers and schools is given.


The author expresses the danger of judging the educable retarded by mental age alone. He describes some common problem areas where they differ from other children of the same chronological age. Since these children have difficulty abstracting general principles from specific illustrations, they require small group instruction and greater repetition.


This report contains a description of how four common science concepts: shadows, friction, equilibrium, and electric circuits are taught through physical activity. Each case is concluded with an evaluation.


In this book Humphrey deals with the nature of elementary school science and current practices in this field. After an introduction to motor activity in general, the factors of human learning are discussed. The remainder of the book presents specific and detailed ways motor activities can be used to teach science, especially to the slow learner. Reading and language arts are not neglected.
Mentally handicapped as defined in this paper broadly includes mental retardation, learning disability and a depressed potential resulting from other than intellectual subnormality. Motor activity refers to things that children do actively in a pleasurable way in order to learn. The author equates science experiences to physical motor activities and illustrates how science may be taught through physical education activities. He reports favorable results on his efforts to teach science using physical education activities.


The benefits of using the planetarium as a visual aid to teach space concepts to slow learners in junior and senior high special education classrooms are discussed. The concepts included in the special program are identified.


The author describes a series of lessons on seeds, taught to an emotionally disturbed, institutionalized, six year old boy. Progress from primary to secondary reinforcements for the child was achieved.


This review provides information on the status of materials for use with mentally retarded pupils in several areas, including science education. It is apparent that there is a serious lack of field tested materials for teaching science to mentally handicapped students.

An environmental recreation program has been instituted in Prince George's County, Maryland, for children with special needs. Since play activities are often limited for handicapped children, this environmental approach provides them with leisure time activities.


Since the educational goals for the mentally retarded are no different than for the non-retarded, science should not be omitted from their curriculum. The authors present principles and guidelines for teaching science to the mentally retarded and some benefits that can be gained.


This is a brief account of how a science teacher and reading specialist work together to teach a science course to a class of poorly motivated and learning disabled students in high school.


This summary contains a section on special problems in science education. In this section reviews of research relating to handicapped students, slow learners, and bilingual students are included.


A model for curriculum development for mentally retarded students is presented. The model is based on the experiences of the BSACS projects in developing life science programs for educable mentally retarded students, ages eleven through nineteen. Experiences gained from these projects are used to illustrate various parts of the model.

The author describes a project in which he developed science lessons on the needs and existing interests of a group of educable mentally handicapped boys. The lessons provided manipulative activities in which the boys could be successful. The lessons not only enhanced learning in science, but also in other academic areas, and in oral expression and social growth through group activities.


This is a discussion of the reasons why educable mentally retarded children have been deprived of science education in the past. The "Me Now" and "Me and My Environment" programs are described. The assumptions and program objectives that were used as a basis for the development of the programs are identified.


A definition of mainstreaming is followed by a discussion of the terms handicapping and disability. The author covers the effects of labeling and the need to individualize science instruction for all students.


Brief descriptions are given of receptive and expressive aphasia, dyslexia, cognitive dysfunctions, and dyscalculia. Some implications and suggestions on how to cope with them in the classroom are presented.


This directory contains over 500 names of handicapped persons who are pursuing science or science-related careers. These persons are willing to help other handicapped persons solve problems with which they themselves may have already had to cope. The directory provides information about each person with regard to his/her educational background, career, handicapping condition, and areas of expertise and consulting interests.

The authors advocate a "hands-on" or laboratory approach to the teaching of physically handicapped children. Suggestions for the implementation of such a program and a description of the outdoor learning laboratory at a Minneapolis school are included.


Four members of AAAS discuss, in brief biographical articles, their physical handicaps and the problems they encountered pursuing their education and careers in science.


The authors describe the need to mainstream handicapped youngsters into regular science classes. Often these students do not receive an adequate program and fail to realize the career opportunities available. The AAAS Project on the Handicapped in Science which is working to remove educational and occupation barriers for the handicapped is described.


This publication presents the findings and recommendations of a conference on science education for handicapped persons at the post-secondary level conducted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. While the focus of the conference was on higher education, much of the information presented is relevant to the barriers handicapped students face in pre-college science programs.


This publication is a compilation of papers presented at the symposium, Science, Technology and the Handicapped, held at the 1976 AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston. The symposium directed its attention to the need to involve science and technology in such a way that handicapped people would have adequate opportunities to reach their full potential. Several of the papers dealt with science education for pre-college students.

This NSTA curriculum review provides a detailed description of the "Me Now" program developed by The Biological Science Curriculum Study (BSCS) for use with educable mentally retarded children, ages eleven to thirteen. Two other programs, "Me and My Environment" and "Me in the Future" are also noted.


The paper reviews the literature relating to the teaching of science to mentally, visually and mentally-visually handicapped students. This analysis of the literature revealed that there is a serious lack of knowledge to assist science teachers in meeting the demands that accompany mainstreaming. An extensive bibliography is included.


More and more teachers are being asked to make their science classes fully accessible to physically (sensory and orthopedic) handicapped students. The author discusses instructional, teacher education and research considerations of this movement. The need to develop an organized body of empirical data on teaching science to physically handicapped students is established.


The author cites many studies stressing the advantages of providing early extensive exposure to science for physically, mentally and socioeconomically deprived children. Although she feels that these children make substantial gains in language development through science, they are the least likely groups to have a science program offered in their classrooms.


The author explains why science has a definite role in the curriculum of slow and retarded secondary pupils. Science topics that should be included in the program to help these pupils learn to interact successfully with their environment are identified.

The author describes his experiences in teaching a variety of science lessons to a group of institutionalized, mildly to moderately mentally retarded adult males. Lessons involving manual procedures and vocabulary activities were successful. The author felt the lessons were beneficial, but raised several questions regarding the role of science education for the mentally retarded.


This guide presents a functional approach for teaching science to educable mentally retarded pupils as compared to teaching a series of science lessons on specific concepts. To assist the teachers in accomplishing this, the guide identifies general objectives, an outline of content, suggested experiments and selected starter units. Four levels are considered: primary, intermediate, junior high and senior high school.


This issue contains articles on science education for auditory, orthopedic and visually handicapped students. Background information and aids in teaching these students are discussed. Addresses of organizations that may be helpful to teachers and a bibliography are given.


This is an annotated bibliography of science instructional materials for use in grades K through 12. Materials that vary greatly in format are included and materials developed especially for "Special Education" are identified.


Sports and recreation are offered as two excellent ways to bring mentally retarded children into the mainstream of the public school. The author describes "The Special Olympics" and "Play to Grow" programs developed by the Kennedy Foundation as a means by which teachers may encourage physical education with handicapped students.
Shulene, John A. "Question: When is a Picture a Riddle? Answer: When the Riddle is the Picture!" Teaching Exceptional Children, 7(2): 68-69, Winter, 1975.


The authors identify reasons why handicapped-gifted students may not be identified as gifted. Procedures for overcoming the discrimination against handicapped-gifted students in the screening and identifying process are discussed.


The authors describe the role model project of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A handicapped scientist visited schools across the nation in which handicapped students were enrolled. The benefits that a school may gain by using handicapped role models are discussed.


This guide is intended to help teachers achieve identified curriculum objectives for junior and senior high levels educable mentally retarded pupils. For the area of science there are lists for each grade level in regard to: goals, activities, and suggested topics and units.


This guide presents the school's philosophy and rationale for the curriculum for educable mentally retarded students. For the area of science the guide identifies the general goals for teaching science to students at three levels: primary, intermediate and junior high. A list of activities to do in science are given for each level.

The author explains in detail how science projects may be used to aid children with visual perception problems. In addition to a description of visual sequencing, experiences are given from programs by ESS, SCIS, OBIS and Metal. The relationship between visual perception and reading ability is discussed.


The author establishes the falseness of several common myths about the capacity of handicapped students to achieve in science. References that help further explain away the myths are given.


This is an extensive discussion of the role of science in the curriculum for trainable and educable mentally handicapped pupils. The nonexistence of research to substantiate the potential value of science teaching for these pupils is acknowledged. Hypotheses that are worthy of investigation are identified.


The author briefly summarizes ten resource articles and books published between 1960 and 1970 which emphasize the benefits of including science in the curriculum for elementary school students who are retarded or slow learners.


This article describes a federally funded project that was designed to develop an overnight field trip to the seashore for mentally handicapped, physically handicapped, and learning disabled students. The primary focus of the learning experiences was on affective objectives. Another project goal was to increase the number of special education teachers who would include these kind of learning experiences in their classroom programs.


The author makes a very convincing case for providing a meaningful science education program for physically (crippled and health impaired) handicapped children, particularly those children who are separated from their families or are restricted to a limited physical environment. Examples of what constitutes a meaningful science education program are given.

This is one of a series of monographs concerned with severely orthopedically handicapped students. In this publication, school equipment that is not limiting to physically handicapped students is discussed. Modifications and specialized equipment are also considered. In addition to general school equipment, special attention is given to the science laboratory and green house. Pictures of accessible arrangements are included.
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This study contrasted the efforts of two teaching methods on the achievement and retention for educable mentally handicapped students enrolled in the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study Me Now program. A deductive method was used with one group of students and a discovery method of teaching was used with a second group. No significant differences were found between these groups on the mean posttest and retention test scores. No interaction between reading ability and test scores was detected.


The author describes a study conducted to determine if children in elementary "special" needs classes could learn science concepts. Modules and units were developed and implemented in regular classes before being used with the physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed, educable mentally retarded, and trainables. Of the 113 children who completed the study, all but one scored higher on the posttest. It was also found that the special education teachers did not need special training to teach science to these children.


A nonverbal procedure (modified Kohs block design) was used to assess the learning potential of educable mentally retarded junior high students. This procedure was a better predictor than were the results of the IQ test of the student success in battery type science lessons based on the ESS unit, Batteries and . Data were obtained to support the hypothesis that the students with high learning potential were educationally retarded rather than mentally retarded.


The data collected on the field testing of two units of the BSCS Me and My Environment program are presented. The results of a mini-field test of a game developed by the project are also given. The report summarizes the systems model approach that the project used to develop, field test, and revise science programs for educationally mentally handicapped students.

This investigator studied the effect of science laboratory exercises for students with low IQ's. No significant differences between the control and experimental groups were observed for gain in factual knowledge, level of critical thinking, or attitude toward science. Differences in growth that did occur appeared to be caused by a teacher factor. The students in the experimental group appeared to develop a better attitude toward school.


Reported is an investigation designed to examine the dependence of mentally retarded and normally intelligent students on structure in verbal communication with science materials. It was found that the mentally retarded students were particularly dependent on structure in verbal communication. Implications for curriculum materials to be used with mentally retarded students are identified.


Data are reported on student performance for the second field trial of the first three revised units of the BSCS special education program, Me and My Environment. The results of the field trial are compared with the results from the first field trial. The data are analyzed on a variety of factors. Implications for teaching mentally handicapped students are identified.


This study sought to determine: (1) could secondary educable retarded students learn principles related to magnetism and electricity, (2) if a rote method and problem solving method were equally effective, (3) could students taught by the problem solving method solve more problems using the principles, and (4) could students taught by the problem solving method apply new principles acquired during the test situation. The data supported the first three research questions.

This investigation examined the effectiveness of three methods of using a filmstrip to teach first aid to educable mentally handicapped students in junior high. Each method used a filmstrip twice in the unit in combination with class discussion and demonstration. The sequence of these four events were different for the three experimental groups. The filmstrip was not used in the control group. The investigator concluded that the use of a filmstrip results in significant learning for the educable mentally handicapped students, and that the use of the filmstrip at the beginning of the unit was the best method.


This study examined the effects of using Elementary Science Study (ESS) units with educable mentally retarded students in the skills of communication, observation and inferences. Two experimental groups were used: one which used six perceptual oriented ESS units, and one which used six psychomotor oriented ESS units. The control group did not use ESS units. Three levels (primary, intermediate and junior high) of students were used in each group. Significant differences were found in favor of the experimental group at some levels for at least one of the science skills. Across all three levels the experimental group had a significantly higher frequency in mean verbal expression and mean observation scores. No significant difference was found in the mean frequency of inferences.


This is the last of a series of formative evaluation reports on the development, field testing, and revision of the BSCS program Me and My Environment. It is a three year program designed for educationally mentally handicapped students, ages 13 through 16. The report summarizes the objectives of the program, factors that influenced project decisions, and the various components of the program.

This study examined the effects of two instructional strategies with 31 cerebral palsied children. The experimental group received science instruction via closed circuit television, with microphones present so each pupil could ask questions and participate in discussions. The control group received science instruction via a live teacher. No significant differences were found between the two groups in science achievement, or in the number of questions asked and amount of participation in class discussion. A significant difference in the attention given to the teacher was found in favor of the control group.


This report presents the data and interpretations of the data collected to evaluate the first unit of the BSCS special education program ME NOW. There were 139 pupils (mean IQ of 72 and mean CA of 144 months) in the experimental group and 154 pupils (mean IQ of 70 and mean CA of 148 months) in the control group.


The investigator studied the use of pictorial riddles to teach selected science concepts to educable mentally handicapped pupils; ages seven through sixteen. The concepts pertained to their living comfortably and safely in the physical environment. The results demonstrated that pictorial riddles were effective in assisting the mentally handicapped pupils to develop science concepts. A significant difference was obtained on the basis of the gain scores measures by pre- and post-tests.


A detailed description of a program in which learning disabled and/or emotionally handicapped secondary students were taught biology is presented. A specially designed biology course was taught to these handicapped students in a regular science classroom by a science teacher and teacher trained to work with students having these handicaps. The reasons for the success of the program and some recommendations for implementing a similar program are given.
Identified are the major questions which the field testing of the BSCS Me and My Environment program sought to answer. Information is given on the criteria used in selecting the teachers and districts for the field testing as well as the characteristics of the classes and pupils selected.

This report summarizes the data gathered from the first field test of Units 1 and 2 of the BSCS Me and My Environment program. Student performance on the unit tests was analyzed with regard to a variety of factors. The development of the tests for testing mentally handicapped students is discussed.

The report describes the process used by BSCS to develop special education programs in science for mentally handicapped students. The impact of authoritative reviews and data from field trials is illustrated. The procedures and instruments used in data collection and processing are given. A case-study of the test classroom was used to identify factors that influence the data obtaining process.

The investigator sought to determine if science lessons based on SAPA and ESS activities would help intermediate level educable mentally retarded pupils acquire the skills of making an inference and manipulating variables. No significant differences were found between the experimental and control groups. The pupils in the experimental group appeared to have a more favorable attitude toward the planned science lessons than toward the incidental science lessons they normally had.
Concepts of magnetism and electricity were taught to a class of slow learners (EMR) over a period of one semester using a hands-on inductive approach. It was found that these children could learn basic concepts and generalize to some extent. Inferring concepts such as polarity of magnets and laws were not achieved.

This report presents the data and interpretations of the data gathered in the 1970-1971 field testing of the BSCS ME NOW program. Extensive evaluation information on all four units of the program is given.

The investigator used the SCIS Materials Object unit to determine if it would help educable mentally retarded pupils, ages seven through thirteen, acquire the skill of grouping objects. While pupils in both the experimental and control groups had better scores on the posttest, there was a significant difference between these scores in favor of the experimental group. The younger pupils in the experimental group made the greatest change in the ability to group objects.

The authors describe a study involving a teacher, student teacher, and 11 handicapped students. Extensive case studies were done on the students to determine their capabilities so their individual differences could be considered. The science lessons were based on the Science-A Process Approach (SAPA) program. The SAPA materials, with structural modifications, provided the wide range of experiences necessary in making the science lessons a success.

The investigator compared the academic achievement in science and social studies of educable mentally retarded students who had been placed in regular classrooms with the achievement of the non-handicapped students in those classrooms. A significant difference in achievement between these two groups was observed in both science and social studies. A significant interaction was also detected when grade level served as a covariate.