



ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY (O&M) SERVICES

Orientation and Mobility Services from Bridging the Blind Gap

The school district of Franklin Community School Corporation agrees to contract Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Services with Tommie Roesch, COMS according to the terms listed. All Orientation and Mobility services will be provided according to the student's individualized Education Plan, which will be provided by the TOR for all students at the beginning of the year or the beginning of the contract. The TOR will also provide an eye report and medical information for each student so that the O&M instructor is able to provide the best service possible. The O&M instructor will provide progress reports and updated IEP goals and objectives to the TOR in preparation for the Annual Case Conference. In addition, the instructor will attend all ACR meetings, in person or virtual, whenever possible. In the event the O&M is not able to attend she will contact the parents to discuss the goals and progress.

Bridging the Blind Gap, its employees, agents and contractors shall at all times comply with the requirements of FERPA, HIPAA and all other State, Federal and FCSC policies requiring confidentiality of personally identifiable student information and all other information concerning students and staff declared confidential pursuant to all State and Federal laws and FCSC policies.

Bridging the Blind Gap, its employees, agents and contractors who will have direct ongoing contact with students shall submit to criminal background checks and DCS checks as required by law and furnish the results to FCSC. Bridging the Blind Gap, its employees, agents and contractors shall at all times comply with FCSC's employee, employment and retention policies.

The school district agrees to pay \$90.00 per hour for direct contract with the student for an O&M assessment. The assessment should take no more than three hours for a total charge of \$270.00. The assessment will take place in school and out in the community to assess the student in familiar and unfamiliar environments. Depending on the age of the student, the students will be assessed on the skills presented below. There will be a charge of \$60 for travel reimbursement per daily visit and also a \$45 per hour from school-to-school travel fee.

Bridging the Blind Gap is willing to provide equipment rentals. This includes canes, tip, and other devices needed by the student to use throughout the school year for a small rental fee of \$30.00 per year when equipment needs updated. If the item is damaged or unrepairable, the school will reimburse for new equipment. Or school districts can purchase their own equipment/ cane with the help of the O&M instructor.

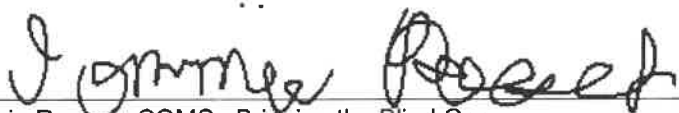
Tommie Roesch will provide Orientation skills that are provided through all kinds of skills from concept awareness to working with the white cane. These skills can be provided to the school district and parents if asked. O&M does not include braille instruction. Through assessment, eye reports, medical reports, and working with the student, the O&M instruction will be individualized according to goals and needs of the student. These instructions will include the ability to travel in various environments while remaining aware of location and surroundings if a student is ready for this skill. Instructions will be provided in using a pre-cane device (AMD), a white cane, the use of residual vision, and under blindfold (non-visual concepts) as determined by an O&M assessment or Case conference Team. Travel experiences may include negotiating the classroom/hallways/school environments, navigating steps, curbs, streets, sidewalks, mental,

tactile, and other mapping skills, orientation skills, residential area, semi business areas, downtown areas, and other public transportation, depending on the student's age and ability. Orientation and Mobility lessons often require travel off school grounds to work in environments not available on campus. Transportation to appropriate training areas may be necessary. Transportation must be provided according to the local school district's guidelines, the Teacher for Students who are Blind, Low Vision, or Deaf Blind, a parent or by the O&M Instructor, with school/ parental consent. In addition to the services provided, the O&M instructor may have an intern that is learning how to teach O&M as well working with your students. When this is the case, the O&M instructor will let you know who she is and for how long she will be working with the students.

The school district or representative is responsible for contacting Tommie Roesch when the student is absent, a conflict in scheduling arises, or as early as school closings with the local news stations. However, school closings across the entire state are sometimes not listed on local stations. O&M should be contacted in a timely manner, or the school will be charged for that time. When there are snow days and the school is doing virtual lessons for the day, we would like to also provide virtual lessons to our students as well. This may include days in which the instructor is snowed in and the school district is still in person. Whenever possible, the O&M instructor will make up the lesson in person, but we reserve the right to have a synchronous virtual lesson as an option as well. As the provider, we will need to have access to be able to do these lessons with students as the district provides.

Tommie Roesch, COMS will maintain certification as an Orientation and Mobility Specialist through the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) to ensure quality services. The O&M will maintain Professional Liability Insurance while providing services to the school district. Tommie Roesch can terminate this contract at the end of each semester with advanced written notice to the school district, or due to unforeseen emergency circumstances.

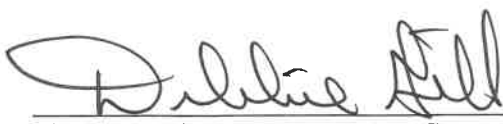
Our new billing address is as follows: P.O. Box 269433, Indianapolis, In 46226



Tommie Roesch, COMS, Bridging the Blind Gap

5/26/2026

Date



Signature of TBLV or Program Supervisor

Debbie Gill

Printed Name

School Representative Signature

Date

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