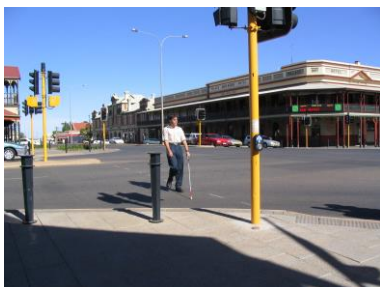


O&M in Secondary School

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O&M Skills & Techniques

- Advanced cane techniques.
- Plan and execute routes to unfamiliar commercial areas.
- Use advanced travel techniques with supervision - e.g. cross multi-laned streets with high speed and high volume traffic.
- Use public transport independently.
- Independently travel to a stated destination from a drop off starting point.

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Orientation & Mapping



<http://globalaccessibilitynews.com/2015/05/12/students-create-tactile-3d-campus-map-to-assist-students-with-vision-disabilities/>

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Public Transport Knowledge

- Getting information about schedules
- Locating a bus stop or train platform
- Paying the fare (low vision)
- Letting the driver or other passengers know if they needs help because of their vision impairment



<http://www.familyconnect.org>

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Other Important O&M Lessons

- Numbering systems of streets, avenues, and buildings.
- How to use maps, the Internet, and the telephone to get additional information, if needed, while travelling.

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Other Important O&M Lessons

- How to travel safely and what to do if one's safety is threatened.
- How to use optical aids, such as a monocular, efficiently while travelling to increase access to visual information.

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Facilitating O&M Development

- Have **high expectations** of the student in terms of their independent travel around the school.
- Incorporate the student's mobility skills into as many activities as possible.
- Are you able to involve the O&M specialist with school trips or excursions?
- Continue to support the student's **choice-making, decision-making, and problem solving** skills as they relate to their independent travel.

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