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## Intermediate Unit 1

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### **Intermediate Unit I Vision Support HOMES Program (Home Orientation & Management Experiences in School)**

#### **RATIONALE:**

Due to the increasing demands placed upon students with visual impairments in their academic programs, there exists a need to find a way to effectively provide instruction in the area of daily living skills. The Intermediate Unit I HOMES program is one option that can be considered by a student's IEP team when addressing the unique needs of a student who is visually impaired.

#### **PROGRAM GOAL:**

The main goal of the HOMES program is to increase each students' level of independence in the following daily living skills:

- Food preparation
- Shopping
- Laundry
- Cleaning/Housekeeping
- Mending and sewing
- Money management
- Socialization
- Household mechanics
- Self care
- Organization
- Recreation and leisure
- Self-advocacy
- Orientation and mobility integrated across instructional areas.

#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The HOMES program is available to any student with visual impairments who receive vision support services through Intermediate Unit 1 and who meets eligibility criteria for the program through an assessment of his/her daily living skills. This whole-day program meets a maximum of 8 times during the school year (usually monthly). Students are transported from their home schools to a designated location and, when necessary, to additional sites within the community. Instructional strategies/techniques, activities and materials are adapted to meet the specific needs of the student in the targeted daily living skill areas. An evaluation of student performance is a component of each HOMES session.

Participation in the IUI HOMES program is an IEP team decision and will be reviewed annually. Goals/objectives are included in the student's IEP and progress towards these goals is reported quarterly to the parents.