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## **Tips from the APH ConnectCenter: Back-to-School Readiness for Students Who are Blind or Low Vision**

**Louisville, Ky.** (August 16, 2022) – American Printing House for the Blind’s (APH) ConnectCenter is a major resource for parents and plays an important role in preparing children who are blind or have low vision for the upcoming school year. The ConnectCenter provides information for parents of children ages 0-18. Users can browse for information for babies and toddlers; preschoolers; grade-schoolers; and teenagers.

The ConnectCenter says you can prepare children for the upcoming school year by:

1. **Visiting the school in advance:** Make sure your child gets to visit and tour their new school before the other kids.
2. **Reviewing the class schedule and meeting the teachers:** Then, drop by the school at the open house or simply before school starts so that your child can put an identity to their teacher’s names.
3. **Encouraging your child assist with school shopping:** Encourage your child to choose their school items so that they can develop their own identity.
4. **Finding out what extra-curricular activities are available:** Kids who are blind or have low vision may not see the posters and sign-up sheets on the walls, so help them find something new they’d like to try.
5. **Providing information to school staff:** Get in touch with your child’s teachers and explain their eye condition and unique needs.

[Read more tips to prepare children for the upcoming school year.](#)

APH products that can help prepare children for the upcoming school year include:

1. [Analog Clock Model](#)
2. [Braille Buzz / App](#)
3. [Chameleon 20](#)
4. [Juno](#)
5. [Tactile Town 3D O&M Kit](#)
6. [Road to Code Products](#)

## **About American Printing House for the Blind's ConnectCenter**

The APH ConnectCenter offers curated advice and resources to assist children, parents, adults, job seekers who are blind or low vision and their associated professionals, leading to greater independence and success in their lives. Trained staff at the ConnectCenter Information and Referral Line are always ready to help. Those looking for resources and services related to vision loss can call 800-232-5463, or visit [www.aphconnectcenter.org](http://www.aphconnectcenter.org). American Printing House for the Blind is headquartered at 1839 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville, Kentucky. To visit APH's website, please go to [www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org).