West Virginia Unified English Braille (UEB) Implementation Plan

The West Virginia Department of Education, WV School for the Blind, Instructional Resource Center, and the teachers of the visually impaired have been working on the transition from the current English Braille American Edition (EBAE) to Unified English Braille (UEB) since its adoption by the Braille Authority of North America (BANA) in 2012. The WV VI Advisory met in April 2015 to consolidate this endeavor into one document: WV UEB Implementation Plan.

Teachers will use both English Braille American Edition (EBAE) and Unified English Braille (UEB) until materials are exhausted and the transition to UEB is complete.

Nemeth will continue to be taught in WV schools, until or unless such a time that UEB becomes the sole code for Science and Mathematics.

Fall 2014
- No new adoption textbooks will be produced in EBAE.
- WV Transcriptionists will be certified in UEB in May 2015.
- Statewide TVI training in UEB during the December 2014 Collaborative Conference.
- WVSB provided UEB training for their teachers.

Fall 2015 Introduction of UEB for all students.
- All teachers are encouraged to continue UEB training. Available sources:
  - Hadley Transition to UEB, Makes Changes to Braille Course (http://www.hadley.edu/)
  - UEB online: Royal Institute for the Deaf and Blind Children’s Renwick Center (a training program for sighted people to learn braille) (http://uebonline.org/)
- Braille Specialists receive training and guidance from TVIs on UEB.
- Teachers and students will be exposed to both codes until transition from English codes to UEB codes (material) have been fully implemented.
- In primary years, most teachers braille a majority of the work. This work should be produced in UEB format.
- All new students will be taught UEB.
- Fluent braille readers will begin transition to UEB at a rate determined appropriate by the TVI for each individual student.
- IHE require UEB for all students in West Virginia.

January 2016
1. New textbooks secured through the adoption cycle will be in produced in UEB.
2. All students who read braille will be expected to access materials produced in UEB.