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Goals and Objectives for Magnifier Training

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Cowan, C. & Shepler, R. (2000). Activities and games for teaching children to use

monocular telescopes. In F. M. D’Andrea and C. Farrenkopf (Eds.) *Looking to*

*Learn: Promoting Literacy for Students with Low Vision* (pp. 137-161). New

York, AFB Press.

# Goal: The student will demonstrate skills for magnifier maintenance.

## Objective: The student will:

1. hold the magnifier properly.
2. communicate the purpose of the device.
3. clean the magnifier appropriately.
4. assume responsibility for the magnifier.
5. store the magnifier in a convenient location for quick retrieval.
6. initiate use of the magnifier.

# Goal: The student will demonstrate skills for the use of magnifier usage.

## Objective: The student will:

1. position self for optimal viewing.
2. stabilize the reading material / object.
3. stabilize the hand using the magnifier.
4. adjust the head-to-lens distance.
5. coordinate the hand, head, and eye movements specific to the type of magnifier.
6. use the magnifier to read on a flat surface.
7. read a variety of print formats.
8. track at a speed which allows for reading commensurate with reading level.
9. develop stamina for the duration of an age-or grade-appropriate assignment.
10. use the magnifier to read textbooks.
11. use the magnifier to read class handouts
12. select the appropriate magnifier for the task.
13. use the magnifier for non-print activities.