

# Tennessee Visual Impairments Virtual Academy (TN VIVA) Events

TN VIVA is a professional development learning series for school educators, community stakeholders, and families looking to learn about best practices, supports, and resources for students with visual impairments (blindness, low vision, and deafblindness).

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## Save the Date 2024-25 School Year

### AUGUST 23, 12:30-2 PM CST

VIVA 24-25 Kick-Off: RCVI Welcome Back! Overview of the year ahead with TN VIVA and Consortium of Vision Educators (COVE) gatherings, as well as an update from Dr. Allen Huang regarding all things new with the TN Resource Center for the Visually Impaired.

### SEPTEMBER 13, 12:30-2:30 PM CST

TN COVE (Consortium of Vision Educators) Meeting Project PAVE, the TN Deafblind Project, and EMPOWER will speak about resources their organizations provide.

### SEPTEMBER 19, 1-2 PM CST

Case Study: Supporting Students with VI & Complex Needs

In this session, hear from experienced TVI Patience Piesecki as she shares insights on her approach to working with students with visual impairments who have additional disabilities and complex needs.

### OCTOBER 16, 2-3 PM CST

Desmos Demonstration and Accessibility Features

### OCTOBER 18, 12:30-2:30 PM CST

Binocular Visual Conditions: How TVIs can Assess and Support Students

In this session, Dr. Rachel Schles and Tabitha Revak will present information regarding binocular vision conditions, as well as research-based recommendations and strategies for TVIs on assessing and supporting students who have such disorders.

### JANUARY 31, 12:30-2:30 PM CST

TN COVE (Consortium of Vision Educators) Meeting

### MAY 2, 12:30-2:30 PM CST

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Additional sessions to be announced soon!