

Here are some sample NIMAS contract language to pass on to LEA's:

“By agreeing to deliver the materials marked with “NIMAS” on this contract or purchase order, the publisher agrees to submit a valid NIMAS file sent to NIMAC at the American Printing House for the Blind, Inc. (APH). Should the vendor be a distributor of the materials and not the publisher, the distributor agrees to immediately notify the publisher of its obligation to submit NIMAS file sets of the purchased products to NIMAC. This is page ___ of ___ of this contract or purchase order.”

From the NIMAS website (<http://nimas.cast.org/about/faq>): “By agreeing to deliver the materials marked with “NIMAS” on this contract or purchase order, the publisher agrees to prepare and submit, on or before ___/___/___, a NIMAS file set to the NIMAC that complies with the terms and procedures set forth by the NIMAC. Should the vendor be a distributor of the materials and not the publisher, the distributor agrees to immediately notify the publisher of its obligation to submit NIMAS file sets of purchased products to the NIMAC. Files will be used for the production of alternate formats as permitted under the law for students with print disabilities. Note that the delivery of print versions should not be delayed in cases where the NIMAS fileset has yet to be completed, validated and/or cataloged by the NIMAC. We would also be interested in learning about accessible versions of your instructional materials that may be available for purchase to support students with print disabilities who do not qualify for specialized formats created with files available from the NIMAC.”

From another state based on discussion amongst the AIM Consortium: “The publisher will provide or make available for purchase in lieu of the printed textbook an accessible version (e.g. RTF, unlocked PDF, DAISY) for students who have print disabilities and are unable to access printed text. If not available at this time, an accessible version may be created by the district for the sole purpose of making the textbook accessible to eligible students as required to provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE). A standard copy of the textbook will also be purchased for those students until such a time as commercial option is available. The _____ school district requires accessible instructional materials in order to meet the needs of students with print disabilities and preference will be given to publishers who offer accessible textbooks as an option.”