

Western Reserve Local School District

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NOTICE OF REQUIRED COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAMINATION

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School District of Enrollment: _____

Date of Initial IEP: _____ Date of Notice: _____

Dear Parent(s):

State law requires that within three months of the time a student receives special education services under an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) for the first time, a comprehensive eye examination must be completed by an eye care professional unless any of the conditions below apply:

1. An eye exam has been conducted within a nine month period prior to the date that the student was determined to have a disability.
2. There are special circumstances that prevent the student from undergoing such examination. If this is the case, please complete the section below. The Superintendent of the school district may determine that this requirement has been met based upon this information.

If the eye examination is not completed within three months of the time the student initially receives special education services under an IEP, the student will still continue to receive services indicated in his or her IEP.

The School District is not responsible for paying any costs whatsoever for the eye examination required by this law. The parent is fully responsible for any and all costs of the eye examination.

Please Check

I _____ have received and understand the contents of this notice. (Name of Parent)

There are special circumstances that prevent the student from undergoing such examination. (Please specify)

(Signature of Parent)

(Date)

Eye Exam Reporting

Senate Bill (S.B.) 316 requires students to undergo a comprehensive eye examination either prior to , or shortly after, implementation of an initial IEP. It also requires ODE to collect and report data about the implementation of this law. Although the data collection mechanism to fulfill the reporting requirements has not yet been identified, OEC believes that data will be more accurate if districts maintain a record of eye exams throughout the school year. Below is a tool that will assist in that effort. There is no requirement to use this particular tool, but the information on it will be collected at the end of the subsequent school years.

Sec. 33213.19.

(A) Within three months after a student identified with disabilities begins receiving services for the first time under an individualized education program, the school district in which that student is enrolled shall require the student to undergo a comprehensive eye examination performed either by an optometrist licensed under Chapter 4725 of the Revised Code or by a physician authorized under Chapter 4731 of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery who is comprehensively trained and educated in the treatment of the human eye, eye disease, or comprehensive vision services, unless the student underwent such an examination within the nine-month period immediately prior to being identified with disabilities.

However, no student who has not undergone the eye examination required under this section shall be prohibited from initiating, receiving, or continuing to receive services prescribed in the student's individualized education program.

(B) The superintendent of each school district or the superintendent's designee may determine fulfillment of the requirement prescribed in division (A) of this section based on any special circumstances of the student, the student's parent, guardian, or family that may prevent the student from undergoing the eye examination prior to beginning special education services.

(C) Except for a student who may be entitled to a comprehensive eye examination in the identification of the student's disabilities, in the development of the student's individualized education program, or a s a related service under the student's individualized education program, neither that state nor any school district shall be responsible for paying for the eye examination required by this section.

(D) The department of education annually shall do both of the following:

1. Notify each school district and community school of the requirements of this section.
2. Collect from each school district and community school the total number of students enrolled in the district who were subject to the requirements of this section and the total number of students who received the examination, as verified by documentation received from the district.