

Functional Vision Assessment Checklist Summary

Date: _____ Student's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School/Placement: _____

Teacher of the visually impaired: _____

Reason for assessment: ☐ New referral ☐ Triennial review ☐ Request Other: _____

Nature/Extent of Visual Impairment

Diagnosis: _____ Prognosis (Stability): _____

Acuity (Best corrected, each eye): Near: _____ Distance: _____

Preferred eye: ☐ Right ☐ Left Student is or is not binocular: _____

Field of view: _____ Preferred posture for viewing (if any): _____

Sensitivity to light/glare: _____ Intervention (e.g., visor, glasses, or seating): _____

Other: _____

Describe current prescription and indicated use (glasses, bifocals, and so forth): _____

Educational implications of eye condition: _____

General Learning Abilities (Present levels of educational functioning): _____

Presence of Additional Disabilities

Describe: _____

Implications: _____

Access to Instructional Materials – Physical Characteristics

1. Attends to objects (Indicate size/distance): _____
2. Identifies object(s) (Indicate size/distance): _____
3. Identifies shapes (Pictured): _____ (Indicate size/distance): _____
4. Identifies pictures
(Outline of single item): _____ (Pictured action/activity): _____
(Indicate size/distance): _____
5. Size of print (Letters/Numbers): _____
(Additional low vision aid): _____
(Reading distance and posture): _____
6. Quality of print or picture (Indicate what is seen efficiently compared with what requires time or effort or both.)
Clarity needed: ☐ Sharp image ☐ Distinct edges ☐ Boldfaced type Other: _____

Can see: ☐ Photocopy ☐ Ditto Other: _____

Contrast: ☐ Dark ☐ Faded ☐ Light Other: _____

Color of print: _____ Color of paper: _____

Observations/Comments: _____

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7. Print style or font (Indicate what can be seen.)

☐ Bold ☐ Thin ☐ Underlined ☐ Italics Other: _____
☐ Serif ☐ Sans serif Other: _____

8. Print spacing (Indicate spacing preference for numbers and letters, words, or lines.)

9. Ability to see and use printed materials in standard format (Check and identify.)

Single shape or object (solid or outline): _____

Pictures: _____

Textbooks: _____

Tests: _____ References (e.g., dictionary): _____

Measurement tools: _____ Calculator: _____

Pictorial: Drawings: _____ Diagrams: _____

Computer screen: _____ Maps: _____

Other: _____

Access to Instruction

1. Instructional Formats That Can Be Seen (Check and identify.)

Demonstration or explanation of objects: _____

Explanation of pictured/printed work sheet: _____

Overhead: _____ Colors: _____ Video: _____

Chalk: _____ Colors: _____ Dry-Erase board: _____ Colors: _____

Bulletin board: _____ Maps: _____ Charts: _____ Pocket charts: _____

Other: _____

2. Written Work (Check and identify where applicable.)

Legibility: To student: _____ To teacher: _____ To others: _____

Writes on line: _____ Paper used: ☐ Blue lined ☐ Black lined

Uses: ☐ Crayon ☐ Regular pencil ☐ Dark pencil Other: _____

Working distance: _____ Posture: _____

Observations/Comments: _____

3. Vision-Related Behavior(s)

Searches to localize designated objects: _____

Searches to localize a designated place (i.e., finds where to begin; locates a specific section or item): _____

Scanning: Looks material over thoroughly: _____ Determines format: _____ Uses finger: _____

Maintains place to copy: At desk: _____ From the board: _____

Is able to follow: Teacher's presentation: _____ As another student reads: _____

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Sustains attention with: _____ Without: _____ Apparent fatigue for (subject, time): _____
Efficiently locates materials: _____
Observations/Comments: _____

Social/Emotional Factors (Self-esteem, adjustment/acceptance)

1. Indicates vision-related needs: _____
2. Indicates needs for assistance: _____
3. Describes nature/extent of visual impairment: _____
4. Uses specialized materials or equipment as needed: _____
5. Other: _____

Suggested Recommendations (Example of alternative learning media or interventions or both that reflect vision-related needs resulting from data indicated above)

1. Instructional Modifications (Indicate near and distance.)

Student is given an item or print copy or both during oral explanation: _____
Surface angle (For example, a reading stand): _____
Student moves (Name activity.): _____
Positioning of material: _____
Adjusted time (Amount and activity): _____
Adjusted length (Amount and activity): _____
Copying: Near: _____ Distance: _____ NCR paper: _____
Prompts for attention: Visual: _____ Auditory: _____ Tactual: _____
Other: _____

2. Adaptations of Materials (Indicate what type and when needed.)

Size: _____
Darken: _____ Raised line: _____ Braille: _____
Aural media: _____
Other: _____

3. Specialized Materials and Equipment

Large print (Indicate size/activity.): _____
Magnifier (Diopter/Power, activity): _____ Monocular (Power, activity): _____
CCTV (Size necessary): _____
Voiced equipment: _____ Voiced software: _____
Other: _____
