Determining the Need for Assessment for a Student with a Vision Impairment
Part B: Age 3-22

Assessment for the category of Blind or Visually Impaired (BVI) is based on <u>medical documentation</u>.
Please complete the following to determine if a functional vision assessment is required.

A. Does the student have an official eye report documenting a visual condition obtained within the last 12 months and signed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist? • If YES, complete section B • If NO, DO NOT request a functional vision assessment. To qualify for services under the Blind or Visually Impaired category an eye report is required from within the last 12 months.	YES	NO

B. Does the eye report document one of the following:
• Visual acuity of 20/60 or worse (ex. 20/80, 20/100, 20/200 etc.) in the <u>better eye with correction</u> OR
• Field of vision is limited to 20 degrees or less OR
• A congenital or degenerative condition (examples listed below, but not limited to) that caused or will lead to a visual impairment
    o Congenital nystagmus
    o Stargardt disease
    o Optic Nerve Hypoplasia (ONH)
    o Cortical Vision Impairment (CVI)
    o Macular Degeneration
    o Retinopathy of Prematurity (RoP)
    o Retinal Detachment
If YES, request a functional vision assessment.
 	
If NO, DO NOT request a functional vision assessment. *Contact the district's Special Education Director for specific questions and concerns.*
	YES	NO

Refer all initial BVI assessments to the district's teacher of students with visual impairments (TSVI). The teacher for students with visual impairments will become involved only after a qualifying medical report is obtained, or if the student has already qualified for BVI services.

For districts without TBVI services, please contact your Special Education Director

*Note: Orientation & Mobility Services require a qualification under the Visual Impairment Category. The teacher of Students with Visual Impairments will request Orientation & Mobility evaluation if they feel it is deemed necessary depending on the eye report and initial observation.

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