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Documentation Guidelines for Students Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Professional Qualifications of the Evaluator:

Ophthalmologists are the primary professionals involved in diagnosis and medical treatment of individuals who are blind or experience low vision. Optometrists provide information regarding the measurement of visual acuity. The diagnosing professional should be an impartial individual who is not a family member of the student.

Documentation should include:

- A clear statement of vision related disability with supporting description that meets the criteria for diagnosis.
- A summary of assessment procedures and evaluation instruments used to make the diagnosis and a summary of evaluation results including standardized scores.
- Medical information relating to the student's needs and the status of the individual's vision (static or changing) and its impact on the demands of the academic program.
- Suggestions of reasonable accommodations that might be appropriate at the postsecondary level. These recommendations should be supported by the diagnosis.

Please send documentation forms to:
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