

COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAM REQUIRED BY SENATE BILL 316

Date: _____

Dear _____,

New legislation has gone into effect for students identified with a disability and qualifying to receive services on an Individualized Education Plan or IEP. **Senate Bill 316 requires students to undergo a comprehensive eye examination either prior to, or shortly after implementation of an initial IEP.** If you are receiving this letter, you have a son or daughter who, since July 1, 2012, has been identified as a student with a disability, and an initial IEP has been written.

The bill states that the school district in which the student is enrolled shall require the student to undergo a comprehensive eye examination performed by either an optometrist licensed under Chapter 4275 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) or by a physical authorized under Chapter 4731 of the ORC.

However, if a student has not undergone the eye examination required under Senate Bill 316, he or she will not be prohibited from receiving the services as outlined in the student's written IEP.

Neither the state of Ohio or the Eastern Local School District is responsible for paying for the eye examination required by this section of law unless the comprehensive eye exam is a part of the identification of the student's disability or needed in the development of the student's IEP, or as a related service under the IEP. As part of the initial evaluation process, students are given a vision screening by the school nurse. This does not substitute for the comprehensive eye examination required by the law.

Upon completion of the eye examination, please provide a copy of the results to Dawn Wallace, Director of Special Education for the Eastern Local School District. Results can be faxed to 937-695-1299 or emailed to dawn.wallace@eb.k12.oh.us. For questions or concerns please call me at 937-378-6720 ext. 2215.

Thank you.

Educationally yours,

Dawn Wallace
Director of Special Education
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