

EYE EXAM FOR INITIAL IEPs

EYE EXAM FOR STUDENTS FIRST PLACED ON AN IEP

For the past several years, Ohio law requires that every student who is identified with a disability for the first time and begins receiving services under an IEP shall have a comprehensive eye exam performed either by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. If such an examination has been completed for your child within nine months prior to the initial eligibility determination, that exam will meet the requirement. The law further specifies that the parent, not the school

district, has full financial responsibility for this examination. Recent legislation now requires school districts to report the number of students placed on an IEP for the first time that have had an eye exam. It is important that you notify your school district's special education office when your child has an eye exam. Although students who have not had an eye exam cannot be denied services, the school district will need to report this information. For additional information, contact your school district's special education office.