

Documentation Requirements

Blind or Low Vision

I. A Qualified Professional Must Conduct the Evaluation

PSD will accept current diagnoses of blindness or low vision that are based on documentation provided by trained and qualified professionals (e.g., ophthalmologists, optometrist, or other qualified professional). Documentation must be submitted on official letterhead signed by the professional.

II. The Documentation Must Be Current

What is the diagnosis, the date of the last assessment, and the last contact with the student? If the condition is progressive or if the student expects a change in the condition in the next 12 months, documentation must be current (no more than 1 year old). Do other health issues complicate this condition?

III. The Documentation Must Be Comprehensive

Please describe assessment procedures used to reach the diagnosis; and a narrative summary of evaluation results, including visual acuity, use of corrective lenses, ongoing visual therapy (if appropriate), etc. Describe the student's functional limitations and how it may affect the student academically.

IV. The Accommodations Must be Appropriate and Supported by the Documentation

What accommodations would be beneficial for the student, (i.e. enlarge print, Braille, electronic text, extended time on exams, CCTV, etc.)? Please give a rationale for each suggested accommodation.