



How Can the Ophthalmologist or Optometrist Support the School Team?

- 1. Please fill out the entire [DPI Ocular Report Form](#).** This includes Rx information and field testing, which impacts eligibility for services and has functional implications.
- 2. Please let the school team make recommendations for reading media for children with low vision.** The decision as to whether a child will read print, braille, or both involves more than the visual status reported on the ocular report form. Sometimes it takes several years and hours of assessment and observation before a decision is made. Your medical input will be gathered via the ocular report and will be one of the many factors considered when the school team makes the determination.
- 3. A child must have an educational need before a teacher of the blind and visually impaired (TVI) or orientation and mobility (O&M) instructor can work with them.** This is determined through the Functional Vision Assessment which the TVI administers. Your medical input will be gathered via the ocular report and be one of the many factors considered when making the determination. Ocular status alone does not answer the questions we must answer before determining a child's educational needs.
- 4. Please provide information on the DPI Ocular Report Form regarding the child's visual fields.** Visual fields are one of the areas that must be considered when determining a child's vision related needs. If formal testing cannot be completed, an assessment of confrontational visual fields would be helpful.
- 5. Help us explain the eye condition and its implications.** We are often asked to explain the child's eye condition and your test results to families in a way that is easy to understand. We are rarely able to attend eye examinations, although we wish we could. We may need to call you for clarification on the ocular report.
- 6. A child with multiple disabilities needs to be tested to determine educational needs.** The time you take to report on the electro diagnostic assessments you conduct with children who have multiple needs is extremely helpful!