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Visual Impairment



What is Visual Impairment (Including Blindness) ?

A child who has **eyesight** problems is considered to have a **visual impairment**. This category includes both **partial sight** and **blindness**. If eyewear can correct a vision problem, then it does **not** qualify.



Federal Definition of Visual Impairment (Including Blindness)

Visual impairment including blindness means an impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a child's **educational performance**. The term includes both **partial sight** and **blindness**.



Causes of Visual Impairment (Including Blindness)

Vision loss can be caused by many factors. Children should get their vision checked as a **newborn**, from **6 months to 1 year old**, at **about 3 years old**, and at **about 5 years old**. Signs of vision loss may include **closing or covering one eye**, **squinting**, complaining of **blurriness** or **difficulty seeing**, having **trouble reading** or **holding objects very close to face**, and **blinking more than usual**. If you suspect your child may be experiencing vision loss you should consult a doctor, **glasses** can help some with vision loss.



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