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REFRACTION CLINIC - GENERAL INFORMATION

Who? -Students with low vision and additional disabilities.

What? -A slower paced testing and examination clinic setting geared to the sensitivity and special needs of students who do not always respond

favorably to a change in their environment or daily routine.

-A screening only, not to replace routine eye exams.

-Teachers are expected to accompany their students to the clinic.

-Parents know their child best. Parent (or delegated representative) attendance is paramount to facilitating their child's comfort in this setting and to assist in supporting the clinic staff's ability to obtain

information that will be most meaningful.

Purpose? -Determine if glasses would be beneficial or if a change in glasses

prescription is needed.

-If possible, provide some information regarding functional levels of

vision.

-Attempt to obtain information to assist in developing programming

intervention for working with children with special needs.

Reminder: (For Parents)

-Students evaluated by these clinics will continue to require regular/on-going visits to the eye doctor for ocular health

evaluations. Unlike this Refraction Clinic, medical ocular examinations are comprehensive and include a dilated fundus assessment, a diagnostic tool necessary to determining retinal

pathology, maintaining ocular health, and protecting

residual/remaining vision.

-Students are not scheduled for an appointment until the complete packet of materials is received.