



## REFERRAL FOR RELATED SERVICES: ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SERVICES

*Please complete this page and include with referral packet.*

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ District Representative Initiating Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 1: LEA Representative Determines Appropriateness of Referral (please initial):

\_\_\_\_\_ Description of Orientation & Mobility, Eligibility Procedures, and Services (see page 2) have been reviewed and referral determined to be appropriate.

### STEP 2: Compile Referral Packet to include the following (please initial):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Information Form (see attached)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current (within one year of referral) report from physician, preferably an ophthalmologist, documenting presence of vision condition consistent with definition of Vision Impairment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Consent to Exchange information (between district and COE)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Consent to Exchange information (between COE and optometrist / ophthalmologist)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current psychoeducational evaluation (if this is an initial evaluation, psychoeducational and O&M evaluations may be conducted simultaneously. Assessment plan should identify other members of the multidisciplinary team participating in the evaluation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current IEP or 504 plan (not required if O&M Referral is part of an initial, comprehensive evaluation for special education services)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Assessment Plan, date stamped when received by district (Assessment plan should not be signed until all of the above documents have been collected – 60 day clock begins when Assessment Plan is received by district).

### STEP 3: Referral Packet Sent to Related Services

\_\_\_\_\_ Send complete packet ***WITHIN five (5) days of receiving signed assessment plan*** to:  
**SMCOE RELATED SERVICES, ATTN: REFERRALS, 65 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA. 94402**

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### SMCOE USE ONLY:

Date Referral Received: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTION REGARDING REFERRAL:

\_\_\_\_\_ **ACCEPTED:** Assigned O&M LEAD: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **NOT ACCEPTED / RETURNED TO DISTRICT** due to missing documents (see notes below) or insufficient time to complete assessment

### NOTES:

\_\_\_\_\_ Referral packet is missing documents

\_\_\_\_\_ Assessment could not be completed: insufficient time

Date referring party notified of action: \_\_\_\_\_



## REFERRAL FOR RELATED SERVICES:

### **Orientation & Mobility**

#### **OVERVIEW:**

Orientation and Mobility (O&M) services are provided by qualified / appropriately credentialed personnel to students who are blind or have a visual impairment to enable those students to attain systematic orientation to and safe movement within their environments in school, home and community.

#### **ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES:**

A multi-disciplinary team which includes an O&M Specialist shall assess a student to determine the impact of student's visual impairment on his/her ability systematic orientation to and safe movement within his/her environment. Relevant information to be considered includes a written report of an eye examination by either an ophthalmologist or optometrist which documents the presence of one or more of the following conditions:

- Partially Sighted: The student's visual acuity in the better eye, after the best correction, is between 20/70 and 20/200.
- Legally Blind: Central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye after best correction with conventional spectacle lenses, or visual acuity better than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the widest diameter of the visual field is no greater than 20 degrees.
- Blind: The student's visual impairment is so severe that for education purposes, vision cannot be used as a major channel of learning and the visual impairment, even with correction, adversely affects the individual's education.
- Reduced Visual Field to 50 degrees or less in better eye
- Other ocular pathologies that are permanent and irremediable.
- Cerebral / Cortical visual impairment.
- A degenerative condition that is likely to result in a significant loss of vision in the future.

**SERVICES:** Services provided by an Orientation & Mobility Specialist include:

- Specialized Instruction in O&M techniques, enabling students with visual impairments, to their maximum capability, travel safely and independently.
- Instruction in prerequisite skills which are foundational to safe and independent travel, such as orientation to the environment and body awareness.
- Consultation with classroom teacher(s) and other IEP team members, to enable the student to benefit from his/her primary educational placement.