

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE LOW VISION EVALUATION CLINIC

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Colorado Low Vision Evaluation Clinic team, welcome you and your child. We have been providing this clinic throughout Colorado since 1997 and we hope you will find it worthwhile.

When you enter the clinic, you will be introduced to the “clinic team” (Roberta Curtis, our clinic administrator, Jim Olson or Karin Hensel, Certified Low Vision Therapists, and an eye care professional, Dr. David Simpson, an optometrist, or Dr. Kara Hanson, an ophthalmologist). We will begin by asking a few questions and measuring your child’s vision. Based on his or her grade level, hobbies, interests, and specific requests, we will begin the process of selecting and learning how to use different types of magnification “tools.” These “tools” will help your child access and enjoy all types of printed material. Like a carpenter needs many tools to do their work properly, a person with a visual impairment needs different devices to perform their jobs properly. These tools may include low-tech devices such as glasses and magnifiers, or the tools may include higher-tech devices such as video magnifiers, smartphones, tablets, and computers.

After selecting the proper tools, we will work with your child using the devices in a variety of settings that simulate the school and home environment. The evaluation will last about 90 minutes.

We hope this low vision clinic provides you and your child with the information needed to begin the process of making him/her as independent as possible now, throughout their school years, and into their adult life. If you have any questions, please talk to your child’s teacher certified in the area of visual impairment or contact any member of the clinic team. Thank you again for being a part of Colorado’s Low Vision Evaluation Clinic.

What to Bring:

- * Any printed material or digital device your child wants to see more comfortably (i.e., textbook, pleasure book, magazine, worksheets, smartphone, tablet, laptop (Chromebook), etc.)
- * Any portable devices your child may be using (distance and/or reading glasses, magnifiers, monoculars, sunglasses, hat, etc.)
- * Any eyeglasses or devices your child has (even if he or she does not currently use the glasses and/or device(s))