

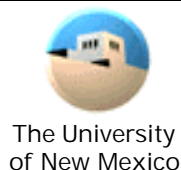
FACT SHEET

Questions for Your Eye Doctor

1. What is my child's distance acuity for each eye individually and both eyes together?
2. What is my child's near vision acuity of each of each eye individually and both eyes together?
3. How large an area can my child see left-to-right and top-to-bottom? (Visual field)
4. Can my child see better in the central field or on the sides? (Peripheral field)
5. What, if any, medical eye condition does my child have?
6. What are the causes of the medical eye condition?
7. Is this a progressive/degenerative condition?
8. If "yes", what further visual problems do you anticipate my child having?
9. What symptoms might indicate a change in my child's visual functioning?
10. How well does my child do at tracking a light or object?
11. How well does my child do fixating on a light or object?
12. Do my child's eyes work together well? (Convergence behavior)
13. Will prescriptive lenses help my child see better?
14. Why or why not?
15. What will my child's distance acuity be with prescriptive lenses?
16. What will my child's near vision acuity be with prescriptive lenses?
17. How often should my child wear his/her prescriptive lenses?

18. Will my child ever need eye surgery for his/her eye condition?
19. If "yes": a) what type of surgery? b) why do you think this surgery is necessary? and c) when (at what age) should this surgery be performed?
20. What restrictions, if any, should be placed on my child's activities?
21. What problems could arise if my child does not follow these restrictions?
22. How often should my child visit an eye specialist to either check his/her prescription or for a routine check-up?
23. What suggestions do you have for teachers who are working with my child?
24. What local and national organizations can I call if I have further questions?
- *An acuity of 20/200 means that a person sees something at 20 feet what an individual with "normal" eyes sees at 200 feet.

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Fact sheets from the Project for NM Children & Youth Who Are Deafblind are to be used by both families and professionals serving individuals with dual sensory impairments. The information applies to students 0 – 21 years of age. The purpose of the fact sheet is to give general information on a specific topic. More specific information for an individual student can be provided through individualized technical assistance. The fact sheet is a starting point for further information. Information for this Fact Sheet kindly supplied by California Deaf-Blind Services and the Nevada Dual Sensory Impairment Project.