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Blind & Low Vision Disability Documentation Guidelines

The following guidelines are provided in the interest of assuring that the documentation is appropriate to establish the student as an individual with a disability and to provide a rationale for reasonable accommodations. These guidelines are consistent with the [CSU Policy on Provision of Services to Students with Disabilities](#).

Visual limitation: Blindness or partial sight to the degree that it impedes the educational process and may necessitate accommodations, support services, or programs.

Verification of Blind of Low Vision:

- Documentation shall be provided by a *verifying professional qualified to assess the nature and extent of a visual impairment*, such as an ophthalmologist or optometrist.
- Documentation must include a clear statement of legal blindness (20/200) or best corrected visual acuity and/or eye condition.

Evaluation must be current. Since assessment constitutes the basis for determining reasonable accommodations, it is in a student's best interest to provide verification that reflects current level of functioning.

Type of Documentation:

You may submit a letter from your physician on letterhead stationary which addresses the areas above or you may choose to use the [Disability Verification form](#).

If a disability is obvious and apparent, written documentation may not be necessary.