Missouri Eligibility Criteria for Visual Impairment/Blindness

Visual Impairment/Blindness Definition

Visual Impairment, including blindness, means an impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a child’s educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness.

Criteria for Initial Determination of Eligibility

A child displays a Visual Impairment when:

A. a visual impairment or a progressive vision loss has been diagnosed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist;

B. visual acuity has been determined to be:
   1) for visual impairment of 20/70 to 20/200 in the better eye with best correction by glasses;
   2) for blindness of 20/200 or less in the better eye after best correction by glasses or a visual field measuring 20 degrees or less; and,

C. the visual impairment adversely affects the child’s educational performance.