**Statement of Eligibility for Special Education**

**(DeafBlindness 43)**

Student’s Name Birthdate

School Date of Initial Eligibility

***The team has obtained the following assessments* (attachevaluation report that describes and explains the results of the evaluation conducted):**

1. **The team has reviewed existing information, including information from the parent(s), the student’s cumulative records, and previous individualized education programs or individualized family service plans.** Evaluation documentation includes relevant information from these sources used in the eligibility determination.

Date Reviewed

1. **Eligibility for special education as a student with vision impairment. Date of eligibility statement:**

1. **Eligibility for special education as a student with hearing impairment. Date of eligibility statement:**

1. **For a student who meets the minimum criteria for either hearing impairment or vision impairment, but demonstrates inconsistent or inconclusive responses in the other sensory area, a functional assessment by an educator of the vision or hearing impaired, as appropriate:**

Examiner Assessment Date Conducted Date Reviewed

1. **For a student who meets the minimum criteria for either hearing impairment or vision impairment, and has a degenerative disease or pathology that affects the acuity of the other area, a medical statement or health assessment as appropriate:**

Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician’s Assistant Date Conducted Date Reviewed

***The student meets the following criteria:***

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| yes | no | The student meets eligibility criteria for both hearing and vision impairment; or |
| yes | no | The student meets eligibility criteria for either hearing or vision impairment, but demonstrates inconclusive or inconsistent responses in the other sensory area. A functional assessment in the other sensory area substantiates the presence of an impairment in that area; or |
| yes | no | The student meets the minimum criteria for either hearing or vision impairment and has a degenerative disease or pathology that affects the acuity of the other sensory area. |

***The team has determined that:***

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| yes | no | 1. The student’s disability has an adverse impact on the student’s educational performance when the student is at the age of eligibility for kindergarten through age 21, or has an adverse impact on the child’s developmental progress when the child is age three through kindergarten; *and,* |
| yes | no | 1. The student needs special education services. |
|  |  | 1. The team has considered the student’s special education eligibility, and determined that the eligibility:   ***is  is not*** due to a lack of appropriate instruction in reading, including the essential components of reading instruction (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development; reading fluency/oral reading skills; and reading comprehension strategies);  ***is  is not*** due to a lack of appropriate instruction in math; and  ***is  is not*** due to limited English proficiency. |

***The team agrees that this student*** ***does*** ***does not qualify for special education.***

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| **Signatures of Team Members** | |  | **Title** | **Agree** | **Disagree** |
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A copy of the evaluation report and the eligibility statement has been provided to the parent(s).

**This form is used to:**

1. Document whether the student meets the eligibility criteria for deafblindness and the basis for that determination in accordance with 20 USC §1414;
2. Meet the requirements of OAR 581-015-2140, OAR 581-015-2120, and 34 CFR 300.8 regarding the need to establish eligibility for special education services;
3. Document the date that initial eligibility was established and the date that the eligibility is re-established;
4. Provide a place for the team to sign the statement and indicate whether or not each member agrees or disagrees with the eligibility determination;
5. Document that the parent was given a copy of evaluation report(s) and eligibility statement.

**Directions:**

1. Enter the date the form was completed by the team.
2. Enter the student’s complete legal name; do not use a nickname.
3. Enter the student’s school.
4. Enter the student’s date of birth.
5. Enter the date of initial eligibility.
6. The team must review existing information, including information from the parent(s), the student’s cumulative records, previous IEPs or IFSPs, state assessment information, and other relevant information. Document the date this information is reviewed by the team.
7. List the required evaluation elements. Indicate the name of the test(s) used, the examiner who conducted the test(s) and the testing date(s). If data is being reviewed only (e.g., for reevaluation), indicate the review date. Attach documentation of each evaluation.
8. Indicate if the student meets the eligibility criteria.
9. Indicate if the student needs special education.
10. A child shall not be determined to be a child with a disability if the determinant factor is lack of instruction in reading or math or due to limited English proficiency. Indicate if the student’s special education needs are due to:

a. A lack of appropriate instruction in reading, including in the essential components of reading (as defined in section 1208(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965). The “Essential Components of Reading Instruction” means “explicit and systematic instruction in:

(1) Phonemic awareness;

(2) Phonics

(3) Vocabulary development;

(4) Reading fluency, including oral reading skills; and

(5) Reading comprehension strategies

b. A lack of appropriate instruction in math; or

c. Limited English proficiency.

1. Have each team member (including the parents) sign the form, indicating his/her title, and whether or not he/she agrees or disagrees with the eligibility determination.
2. Place a copy of this form with all attachments into the student’s file.
3. Give a copy of the evaluation report and eligibility statement to the parent(s).