



**Administration Office**

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## **Parent Notification of Scholarship Programs for Students with Disabilities**

Your child may be eligible for a scholarship under the Autism Scholarship Program or the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program to attend a special education program that implements the child's individualized education program and that is operated by an alternative public provider or by a registered private provider. Information on scholarship programs are available from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) web site at [www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov).

- For information on the Autism Scholarship Program, search *Autism Scholarship Program*
- For information on the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program, search *Jon Peterson Scholarship*.

For additional information or questions on these scholarship programs, contact:

Office of Nonpublic Educational Options

(614) 466-5743

Toll-free: (877) 644-6338

Email: [autismscholarship@education.ohio.gov](mailto:autismscholarship@education.ohio.gov)

Email: [Peterson.scholarship@education.ohio.gov](mailto:Peterson.scholarship@education.ohio.gov)

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### **Eye exam for student first placed on an IEP:**

For the past several years, Ohio law requires that every student who is identified with a disability for the first time and begins receiving services under an IEP shall have a comprehensive eye exam performed either by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. If such an examination has been completed for your child within nine months prior to the initial eligibility determination, that exam will meet the requirement. The law further specifies that the parent, *not the school district*, has full financial responsibility for the examination. Recent legislation now requires school districts to report the number of students placed on an IEP for the first time that have had an eye exam. **It is important that you notify your school district's special education office when your child has an eye exam.** Although students who have not had an eye exam cannot be denied services, the school district will need to report this information.

### **Change in age for full transition plan to be in place:**

Beginning at age 14, there is now a requirement that your child's Individualized Education Plan include a plan for successful adult living rather than just a statement. Areas addressed in this plan will include education beyond high school, employment, and independent living when appropriate. For additional information on transition planning, visit the Ohio Department of Education website at:

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