



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.

- 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

Email: Peterson.scholarship@education.ohio.gov

Eye exam for students first placed on an IEP:

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 (740. 965.3010).** Although students who have not had an eye exam cannot be denied services, the school district will need to report this information.

Transition planning at age 14:

Beginning at age 14, there is a requirement that your child's Individualized Education Plan include a plan for successful adult living. Areas addressed in this plan will include education beyond high school, employment, and independent living, when appropriate. An intervention specialist will conduct age appropriate transition assessments to identify your child's preferences, interests, needs and strengths to develop individualized transition activities. For additional information on transition planning, visit the Ohio Department of Education website at <http://education.ohio.gov>

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