



To: EVS Orientation and Mobility Teachers
From: Laurence Gardner, EVS Director
Re: Indoor Travel Clearance for O&M Mandated Students
Date: January 20, 2011

The decision to advise a student's parents and school administration that a student demonstrates adequate skills for indoor independent travel is made when:

1. The O&M teacher documents independent and correct travel skills for an O&M mandated student using the EVS Indoor Independent Travel Recommendation Form. A second O&M teacher rating is required for O&M mandated students whose corrected vision is less than 20/400 OU or who have a binocular visual field of 60 degrees or less.
2. The EVS O&M Coordinator, an EVS Supervisor, or the EVS Director indicates approval of the indoor independent travel recommendation by reviewing and signing the Indoor Independent EVS Travel Recommendation Form.

Recommendations for indoor independent travel in school can be continued from one school year to the next, as follows:

- the student earned full building clearance, and remains within the same building or site the following school year
- the existing indoor clearance being continued covers the student's mobility needs
- there is no documented or functional change in a student's vision or mobility skills

Recommendations for indoor independent travel are completed within 30 school days of the beginning of the school year, or when a student demonstrates appropriate skill mastery. Indoor independent travel clearances that are not continued expire at the end of each school year.

Completed EVS Indoor Independent Travel Recommendation Forms must be shared with parents, classroom teachers, EVS vision teachers, school administration, and placed in students' official school folders. Signed parental consent is required for independent travel recommendations to take effect, or for an indoor independent travel clearance to be continued.

Copies of parental notification and consent are provided to the vision teacher, vision supervisor, classroom teacher, and school administration. O&M teachers forward original completed and signed indoor independent travel clearance documentation to the EVS office.

Attachments:

- EVS Indoor Independent Travel Recommendation Form
- Parent consent for indoor independent travel
- Parent consent for continuation of indoor independent travel