



PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR SCREENING AND RESEARCH

School: _____

Date: _____

Dear Parent:

Many children and adults with reading problems have no difficulty reading words but are inefficient readers who skip lines and lose their place and have poor comprehension. A new breakthrough for many of these individuals has been the discovery of a perceptual problem that accounts for these reading difficulties. This problem is called Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity (SSS). Readers with SSS see distortions on the printed page, which can cause strain, fatigue, a slow reading rate, and poor reading comprehension. These perceptual problems can be reduced or eliminated through the Irlen Method. This reading-based assessment determines the best colored plastic overlay to be used over reading material. This is one strategy among many to help individuals overcome reading problems. Many children and adults have found rapid and significant help through the use of Irlen Colored overlays when they read. For further information refer to *Reading by the Colors* by Helen Irlen or www.Irlen.com.

Your child has the opportunity to be screened for SSS with your written permission. Please sign the form below and return it to the school. If you have any questions, please contact:

___Mrs. Huffaker___bhuffak@hartdistrict.org_____

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Please return this portion to your child's teacher _____as soon as possible_____

I give permission for _____ (student's name) to be screened by a trained Irlen Screener at the school to determine whether this student has symptoms of Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity. I understand that the school will provide Irlen Colored Overlays if my child has symptoms of SSS. I also agree that any further diagnostic testing or remediation (including tinted glasses) that I wish to have completed will be at my own discretion and expense.

Information from this testing may be used for research purposes. Only the researcher will be allowed to view this information, and all personal information will be kept confidential.

By signing below, I understand that information from my child's Irlen Screening may be used for research purposes, and I give my permission to use it for this purpose.

Parent's signature today's date

Mailing Address: _____



Irlen Syndrome Warning Signs



The following is a list of symptoms associated with Irlen Syndrome. If you or your child exhibit many of the following characteristics, you may want to consult an Irlen Specialist.

Reading Behavior:

Does your child:

- avoid reading?
- dislike reading?
- prefer reading under dim lights?
- have difficulty with comprehension?
- become easily distracted?

When reading out loud, does your child:

- skip words or reread words and lines?
- read word by word?
- misread words?
- read slowly or with hesitation?

When reading, does your child complain:

- the print seems to move or even disappear?
- of stomachaches or feeling dizzy?
- the page seems too bright or glary?
- of headaches or sore eyes?
- of blurry print?

Written Work

Do you see:

- an inability to write on the line, writing uphill or downhill?
- unequal spacing?
- errors in copying?
- inconsistent spelling of the same word?
- misaligned numbers in columns?

Body Language

Does your child:

- move around trying to shade the page?
- move his/her head across the page?
- use a finger or marker
- blink a lot, squint, open his/her eyes wide, rub his/her eyes?
- vary his/her distance from the page?
- become very sleepy?
- become restless and lose concentration?



I get sleepy when I read – it is very hard for me...

Gross Motor Skills

Does your child show:

- poor coordination?
- problems with balance?
- difficulty catching a ball?
- difficulty judging distances?
- poor depth perception?
- problems using escalators or stairs?

My writing looks straight to me – teacher says I have to do it again... for the third time! This is so boring...



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