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**Self-Test For Irlen Syndrome**

Please fill out this form. Parents, complete the form in cooperation with your child.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Completed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***CHARACTERISTICS Please Circle Answer***

***Are you light sensitive?***

 Bothered by sunlight Yes No ?

 Bothered by glare Yes No ?

 Bothered by bright or fluorescent lights Yes No ?

 Tired or drowsy under bright or fluorescent lights Yes No ?

 Become anxious under bright or fluorescent lights Yes No ?

 Get a headache from bright or fluorescent lights Yes No ?

 Feel antsy or fidgety under bright or fluorescent lights Yes No ?

 Harder to listen under bright or fluorescent lights Yes No ?

 Performance deteriorates under bright or fluorescent lights Yes No ?

Feel like there is not enough light when reading Yes No ?

 Feel like there is too much light when reading Yes No ?

 Read in dim light Yes No ?

 Use fingers or other marker to block out part of the page Yes No ?

 Shade the page with your hand or body Yes No ?

***Types of reading difficulties:***

 Skip words or lines Yes No ?

 Repeat or reread lines Yes No ?

 Read for less than one hour Yes No ?

 Lose place Yes No ?

 Read in a “stop and go” rhythm Yes No ?

 Omit small words Yes No ?

 Poor reading comprehension Yes No ?

Reading becomes harder as you continue Yes No ?

 Avoid reading Yes No ?

 Avoid reading for pleasure Yes No ?

 Rereads for comprehension Yes No ?

 Reversals of letters and/or numbers Yes No ?

***While reading or using a computer, do you:***

 Rub eyes Yes No ?

 Move closer to or further away Yes No ?

 Squint Yes No ?

 Open eyes wide Yes No ?

 Incorporate breaks Yes No ?

 Change position to reduce glare Yes No ?

 Close or cover one eye Yes No ?

 Move head Yes No ?

 Read word by word Yes No ?

 Unable to speed read Yes No ?

***Do you feel strain, fatigue, tired, or have headaches when:***

 Reading Yes No ?

 Listening Yes No ?

 Doing paper and pencil tasks Yes No ?

 Working on the computer Yes No ?

 Watching TV, movies, or live stage productions Yes No ?

 Copying material Yes No ?

 Doing math assignments Yes No ?

 Playing video games Yes No ?

 Writing long assignments Yes No ?

 Doing visually-intensive activities like needlepoint, sewing,

 cross stitching, crossword puzzles, woodworking, soldering, etc. Yes No ?

 Working under bright or fluorescent lights Yes No ?

 Looking at stripes, patterns, bright colors, and high contrast Yes No ?

***Handwriting:***

 Write up or down hill Yes No ?

 Unequal or no spacing between letters or words Yes No ?

 Unequal letter size Yes No ?

 Unable to write on the line Yes No ?

 Leave out words, letters, or punctuation marks Yes No ?

***Attention/Concentration:***

 Problems concentrating with reading or writing Yes No ?

 Easily distracted when reading or writing Yes No ?

 Easily distracted when listening Yes No ?

 Easily distracted when taking tests Yes No ?

 Daydreams in class or at lectures Yes No ?

 Problems staying on task Yes No ?

 Problems starting tasks Yes No ?

 Difficulty with scantron answer sheets Yes No ?

***Copying:***

 Lose place (book, chalkboard, whiteboard, overhead) Yes No ?

 Leave out words (book, chalkboard, whiteboard, overhead) Yes No ?

 Slow (book, chalkboard, whiteboard, overhead) Yes No ?

 Incomplete (book, chalkboard, whiteboard, overhead) Yes No ?

 Careless errors (book, chalkboard, whiteboard, overhead) Yes No ?

 Blink or squint (book, chalkboard, whiteboard, overhead? Yes No ?

 Difficulty refocusing Yes No ?

 Difficulty copying things onto or off computer or typewriter Yes No ?

***Composition/Essay Writing:***

 Disorganized Yes No ?

 Problems with punctuation Yes No ?

 Problems proofreading Yes No ?

 Leave out letters or words Yes No ?

 Write without rereading Yes No ?

***Mathematics:***

 Misalign digits in number columns Yes No ?

 Difficulty seeing numbers in the correct column Yes No ?

 Sloppy or careless errors Yes No ?

 Use finger, graph paper, or other marker when working

 with columns of numbers Yes No ?

 Difficulty seeing signs, symbols, numbers, decimal points Yes No ?

 Reversals of numbers Yes No ?

***Music:***

 Problems sight reading the notes Yes No ?

 Prefer to memorize rather than read music Yes No ?

 Prefer to play by ear Yes No ?

 Use finger to track notes Yes No ?

 Lose your place Yes No ?

 Trouble reading the notes or notes and words together Yes No ?

 Difficulty interpreting the music notations Yes No ?

 Little progress in spite of regular practice Yes No ?

***Depth Perception:***

 Difficulty getting on and off escalators Yes No ?

 Clumsy Yes No ?

 Bump into table edges or door jams Yes No ?

 Difficulty walking up and/or down stairs Yes No ?

 Difficulty judging distances Yes No ?

 Drop or knock things over Yes No ?

 As a child, accident prone or have bruises on your shins Yes No ?

 When walking next to someone, do you drift into the person Yes No ?

 When walking, do you feel dizzy or light headed Yes No ?

 Difficulty getting on or off moving objects Yes No ?

***Driving:***

 Difficulty parallel parking Yes No ?

Do you feel like you will hit the car in front when parking Yes No ?

 When parking, do you hit the curb or leave too much space Yes No ?

 Difficulty judging when to turn in front of oncoming traffic Yes No ?

Uncertain about making lane changes Yes No ?

Extra cautious when making lane changes Yes No ?

 Are the passengers tense when you make lane changes Yes No ?

 Do passengers tell you that you tailgate Yes No ?

Are you overly cautious, leaving extra room between you and

 the car ahead Yes No ?

***Sports Performance:***

 Problems tracking a flying ball like golf, baseball, or tennis Yes No ?

 Trouble following the ball when watching sports on TV

 such as tennis, football or basketball Yes No ?

When watching sports on TV, can you follow the ball but not

 see anything else Yes No ?

Trouble catching or hitting a ball Yes No ?

Difficulty playing pool Yes No ?

Difficulty hitting the ball when playing baseball or tennis Yes No ?

Trouble learning how to ride a bike Yes No ?

Trouble jumping rope? Jump in at the wrong time or jump

 into the rope Yes No ?

Trouble playing games such as volley ball or four square Yes No ?

On playground equipment such as rings or bars, was it hard

 to go from one to the other Yes No ?

***Fatigue While In A Car:***

 As a passenger, do you become drowsy Yes No ?

 When driving, do you become drowsy Yes No ?

 Bothered by glare on the chrome on cars Yes No ?

Bothered by glare off the rear window of the car in front of you Yes No ?

Bothered by headlights and street lights at night Yes No ?

 Avoid driving at night Yes No ?

 Have night blindness Yes No ?

 Bothered by red tail lights on cars Yes No ?

 Bothered by red stop lights Yes No ?

 Stressful to drive in the rain (glare) Yes No ?

If you answered yes to three or more of these questions in any one of the above sections, then you might be experiencing the effects of a perception problem called Irlen Syndrome/ Scotopic Sensitivity.