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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN DIVISION

CERTIFICATION OF DEAF-BLINDNESS AND ADMISSION TO THE DEAF-BLIND CENSUS

Before a potential deaf-blind can be admitted to the Deaf-Blind Census, he/she must be identified as deaf-blind in accordance with the definition set forth in the Federal Registry, Volume 40, No. 35, February 20, 1975, Section 121c.37(a). Any individual may initiate a referral to the Deaf-Blind Registry with the notification of the state consultant for services to deaf-blind. Dissemination of this form is authorized by P.L. 91-230.

The Exceptional Children Division must have on file at its office a copy of the child's **Certification of Deaf-Blindness Form** for each child before he/she may be served by the project. A complete evaluation for admittance to the census consists of an audiological, ophthalmological, and educational evaluation or recommendation.

After the child is identified as deaf-blind, the exceptional children program director certifies the child and submits the information to the state consultant who verifies this fact with an on-site review.

The Certification of Deaf-Blindness Form is used in an effort to avoid the process of duplicating files, reports, and parental releases. A form should be on file for every deaf-blind child identified in the state of North Carolina. This certification will enable the Exceptional Children Division to offer services (technical assistance, consultation, in-service training, etc.) through the State Deaf-Blind Project.

In accordance with the requirements for confidentiality as specified in the regulations for "Privacy Rights of Parents and Students" (34 CFR Part 99), the names of children who are deaf-blind are coded for reporting purposes.

Return form to: Chris Jones, Deaf-Blind Project Coordinator
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CERTIFICATION OF DEAF-BLINDNESS

I hereby certify that _____ with the birth date of ____/____/____ is
(Child's Name)
considered deaf-blind according to the definition set forth in the **Federal Registry, Volume 40, No. 35, February 20, 1975, Section 121c.37(a)** as follows:

“Determination of deaf-blind children. As used in this part, the term ‘deaf-blind children’ means children who have auditory and visual disabilities, the combination of which causes such severe communication and other developmental and educational difficulties that they cannot properly be accommodated in special education programs solely for the deaf or blind child.”

The above named child has received the following evaluations on the dates indicated. This information is available for review at the following program site: _____ (LEA, School, or Agency Name)

Audiological ____/____/____ Ophthalmological ____/____/____ Educational ____/____/____
(Date) (Date) (Date)

In addition, the parents/guardians of the above named child have been notified of the fact that their child is considered deaf-blind and that their name will be placed on the North Carolina Census for children with deaf-blindness.

Parent/Guardians Name: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Program Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Program Director's Name: _____ Email: _____
(Please print clearly)

Program Director's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

DPI Approved: _____

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