



## Snellen/Sloan Cheat Sheet

The **Snellen/Sloan Chart (10ft.)** is used as our best practice to measure one's distance acuity (ages 17 +)

### Set up:

- Find a quiet, well-lit room with minimal distraction from outside noise or other students.
- Measure **48"** from the floor to the **20/40 line** and tape the chart to the wall (the chart should be at the individual's eye level).
- Measure and mark (with masking tape) **10 feet** from the wall and have the individual stand with their **arches** on the line.
- Use alcohol wipes to clean occlude paddles after every use.

### Testing Procedure: Snellen/Sloan

1. Cover the **left** eye with the occluder to screen the **right** eye first. Be sure that the occluder paddle is touching the side of the individual's nose. **Do not** use a hand to cover.  
**Note:** if the individual is wearing glasses, **do not remove them.**
2. Make sure the individual's head is straight so they cannot peek around the side of the occluder and begin screening. **Note: The individual should keep both eyes open throughout the screening.** The paddles is simply there to cover the eye.
3. Using a pointing device of your choice (i.e., capped pen) point to one letter on a line, and move down the chart to the critical line **20/40** as quickly as possible. **Do not** use your **finger** to point.
4. If the individual misses a letter, confirm that they can identify 3 out of 5 letters on that line before continuing down the chart. If they do not correctly identify 3 out of 5 letters, move up one line at a time until they can correctly identify 3 out of 5 letters on their critical line. Make note of the lowest line they are able to obtain.
5. Cover the right eye with occluder and repeat the process as you screen the left eye.
6. To pass, the individual must correctly identify **3 out of 5 letters** on their critical line, **20/40** in each eye.
7. Any sign of the **ABC's (Appearance, Behavior, Complaints)** is an automatic referral (even if they passed on the **20/40 line**). Please make note of this on appropriate documentation (registration form).
8. Record results on appropriate documentation, noting the lowest line(s) that they are able to correctly identify 3 out of 5 letters (i.e. 20/40, 20/60 etc.). **Adults must obtain visual acuity of 20/40 in each eye in order to pass the screening.**