The Smokey Powell Clinic

Appointment
When will I go?

- Tuesday (tomorrow!)
- You may leave early in the morning and ride on the school bus or
- You’ll get signed out early—about ____ (write time here)
- Your parent/guardian will pick you up and drive you there
Where is it? A clinic may be held close to where you live or it may be held at the Smokey Powell Center on the campus of Georgia Academy for the Blind.
Who will be there?

- You
- Teacher
- Mom/ Dad/ guardian
- Dr. Forche or
- Dr. Gallagher
SPC Staff

- Ms. Zel
- Ms. Heather
- Ms. Tara
- Ms. Sharon
- Ms. Gloria
Why am I going?? How is this different from the regular eye doctor?

- You’re going to see if there are any low vision devices that can help you see better and work more efficiently in school

- It’s different than the regular eye doctor because it’s more fun!
  - You will NOT get your eyes dilated here
  - NO shots
  - You get to try out all kinds of different devices
  - You might get to take devices back with you
What will I have to do?

● They’ll ask you to read some eye charts
● They’ll ask you to read some print at near
● They might ask you some questions about things that are hard to see

The bee stings.

Butterflies taste with their hind feet.

Ducks will lay eggs only in the morning.

It is impossible to sneeze and keep one's eyes open.
They might ask you to try some different magnifiers for near
They might ask you to try a monocular for distance viewing.
They even have all different colors of dark glasses for outside.
What if I don’t like the devices they show me?

- They want to hear your honest opinion, so it’s fine to say you don’t like something they show you
  - It’s more helpful if you can tell them WHY you don’t like it

- It’s important to keep an open mind
  - This is a chance to try out different things
  - Remember that it usually gets easier to use a device with practice
How long will this take?

- Less than an hour
- You’ll be done before 4pm
What happens when I’m done?

- If they find a device that seems like it might be helpful, you could get one to take away
- They will send a report to your teacher and your parent or guardian
Any other questions?
Extra credit!

- Google search the Smokey Powell Low Vision Clinic
- How many more clinic dates are there in 2023? (click SPC Clinic Dates on the right)
- What was Smokey Powell’s real name? (look under About Smokey Powell on the left)
- Replace the clipart car on slide 2 with a photo of a car that looks like yours